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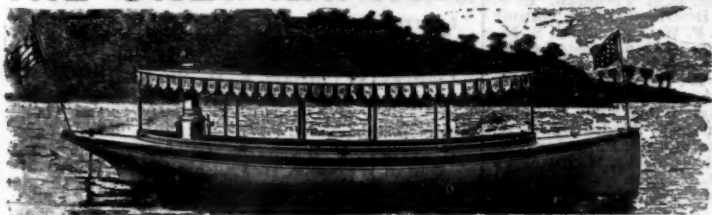
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PERSONAL ITEMS.

THE engagement is announced of Lieut. F. J. Milligan, U. S. N., to Miss Emily Ogstin.

COMMODORE F. M. RAMSAY has gone to Philadelphia for a few days' relaxation from official cares.

REAR ADMIRAL J. H. UPSHUR, U. S. N., registered at the Clarendon Hotel, New York City, on Tuesday.

REAR ADMIRAL C. R. P. RODGERS and his son, Lt. T. S. Rodgers, U. S. N., are at the Richmond, Washington, D. C., for the winter.

ASSISTANT NAVAL CONSTRUCTOR AND Mrs. A. W. STAHL, U. S. N., are receiving congratulations over a recent arrival in the family.

DURING the absence of Chaplain A. A. McAllister on the flagship *Chicago*, Mrs. McAllister will remain at 19 West 38th street, N. Y. City.

CAPTAIN AND Mrs. D. PRATT MANFIS, U. S. M. C., will be at home, Marine Barracks, Washington, D. C., during the Mondays of December.

CAPTAIN JOHN W. PHILIP, recently detached from the command of the *Atlanta*, has arrived in New York, and is stopping at No. 1 Gramercy Place.

P. A. ENGINEER STACEY POTTS, U. S. N., paid a flying visit to Washington early in the week, but rejoined his ship, the *Newark*, Tuesday morning.

THE engagement is announced of Ensign Alorzo Gartley, U. S. N., and Alda, daughter of the Hon. P. C. Jones, recently of Honolulu, but now of Boston.

CAPTAIN J. W. PHILIP, Lieut. Wm. E. Outler, Pay Director Edward Hoy, P. A. Paymr. H. R. Sullivan, and Paymr. G. E. Hendee, registered at the Navy Dept. this week.

LATE reports from the *Alert* give the information that Comdr. R. D. Hitchcock, U. S. N., has quite recovered his health, so seriously impaired by the grippe at Mare Island.

Mrs. PHELPS, wife of Rear Admiral Thomas S. Phelps, U. S. N., will spend the winter in Washington with her daughter, Mrs. Jas. D. Adams, wife of Lieut. Adams, U. S. N.

REAR ADMIRAL A. K. HUGHES, Comdr. W. B. Hoff and Paymr. H. T. Stanoff, U. S. N., are among recent additions to the District of Columbia Commandery of the Loyal Legion.

MAJOR GREEN CLAY GOODLOE, paymaster of the United States Marine Corps, has been ordered to pay the U. S. marines for November at Navy-yard, Washington, D. C., and Portsmouth, Va.

ASSISTANT ENGINEER AND Mrs. C. N. OFFLEY, U. S. Navy, returned to Brooklyn from a pleasant visit to Georgetown, D. C., and have resumed their pleasant quarters in the vicinity of historic Fort Green.

GATTIES have reigned supreme at the Mare Island Yard since the arrival of the *San Francisco*, and hops, drives, tennis and dinners have filled up the time from noon to midnight of pretty much every day.

THE friends of Mrs. Elliot Snow, wife of Ensign Snow, U. S. N., will be pained to hear that her health has been far from satisfactory since the death of her child. They are at present living in Paris.

THE Assistant Secretary of the Navy visited the Brooklyn Navy Yard this week to acquaint himself with the work being done and the force employed in the various departments, with a view to reducing expenses.

Mrs. Woods and Miss Florence Woods, sister-in-law and daughter of Medical Inspector George W. Woods, U. S. N., of the *Charleston*, have returned to Paris from a pleasant trip through Switzerland and Germany.

LIEUTENANT W. S. COWLES, who was this week assigned to special duty at the Navy Department, will relieve Lieut. H. G. O. Culy of duties connected with the organization of the Naval Militia, the latter having been ordered to light house duty.

LIEUTENANT PERCY W. THOMPSON, U. S. R. M., contributes to the *Providence Sunday Journal* of Dec. 8, an eloquent article on "The American Life-saving Service," in which are recounted "the countless acts of heroism performed by its surf men."

THE friends of Lieut. A. J. Dabney, U. S. N., will be glad to learn that he is convalescing from his illness, caused from a fall and the fracturing of his knee cap, and will soon move into his new and beautiful home on Augusta avenue, Staunton, Va., where he will reside in future.

P. A. ENGINEER W. M. McFARLAND, U. S. N., has been engaged during the past week on preliminary experiments with the Campbell ammonia engine at the Brooklyn Navy-yard, but owing to delay in preparations for actual work the trials did not come off as expected. Mr. McFarland returned to Washington Wednesday.

COMMODORE F. M. RAMSAY spent Friday, Saturday and Sunday last at Annapolis and enjoyed immensely the few days rest from official cares. Not the least pleasant part of his visit was the drill of the battalion of cadets who were turned out to give a practical illustration of the new Regulations, for which he is largely responsible.

THE New Bedford *Evening Journal* of Nov. 28 has an interesting account of the services as a soldier and naval officer during the War of the Rebellion of Joseph M. Simons, who is now a 1st lieutenant U. S. Rev. Marine. The *Journal* says "he has the reputation of being a strict, honorable, proficient and intelligent officer, and his long and faithful service causes him to be held in the highest esteem in a community second to none in its appreciation of patriotic valor."

LIEUTENANT T. B. MASON, U. S. N., who was detached this week from the *Atlanta*, will, it is understood, be assigned as executive on the new cruiser *New York*, and pending her completion will assist Capt. Philip in superintending her fitting out. Although the contract calls for her completion in 1892, it is expected that she will be ready for service in 1891. If there is no delay in her armor, they fully expect to have her ready for her trial trip early in October next.

THE suit of Robert E. Carbrey against Lt. Comdr. Edwin Longnecker, U. S. N., for \$10,000 has been on trial before the Rhode Island Supreme Court. The base of the complaint is that the defendant illegally interfered with Carbrey's liberty after he had been discharged, the Lieut. Comdr. not knowing the fact. The case was heard 12 months ago, when the jury disagreed. A despatch from Newport states that while Lieut. Comdr. Longnecker was being cross examined he was overcome by a sudden faintness and the Court adjourned temporarily. As the result of the trial the jury disagreed and were discharged. Five found for the defendant and seven wished to give a verdict of \$100 for the plaintiff.

THE N. Y. *Herald* says: "A battle tried native of New York will command the armored cruiser *New York*. Capt. John W. Philip, who began his voyage of life in the Empire State 51 years ago, was selected by Secretary Tracy for this distinguished command. Capt. Philip is regarded as one of the ablest officers in the Service, and when his new honor was bestowed upon him he was in command of the cruiser *Atlanta*. Although the *New York* will not be ready for commission for a year the Secretary's early selection of her commander is explained by his desire to have her future captain superintend her fitting out, so that he may have a thorough knowledge of her needs, and thus avoid any necessity for change when she is ready for sea. Lieut. T. B. Mason has also been detached from the *Atlanta* through the friendly interest taken in him by Secretary Tracy."

MANY happy returns of the day to Capt. J. O'Kane, Asst. Naval Constr. L. Bankson, and Boatwain F. A. Dran, U. S. N., born Nov. 15; Lieut. Comdr. E. H. C. Leutze, Lieut. W. E. Sewell, Med. Dir. N. L. Bates, P. A. Surg. F. N. Ogden and Boatwain J. McCaffery, Carpenter C. H. Bogan, U. S. Navy, born Nov. 18; Comdr. A. S. Snow, Pay Dir. C. W. Abbott, Chief Engr. N. P. Towne, P. A. Surgeon J. M. Edgar, U. S. N., and Col. W. B. Remy, U. S. Marine Corps, born Nov. 18; Med. Insp. C. H. White, U. S. N., Lieut. J. Nicholson and Lieut. H. C. Haines, U. S. M. C., born Nov. 19; Lieut. E. D. Tausig, Lieut. (junior grade) T. M. Brumby, Surg. T. H. Streets, P. A. Surg. C. T. Hibbett and Chief Engr. Macarty, U. S. N., born Nov. 20; Lieut. (junior grade) J. B. Hetherington and Asst. Engr. J. R. Wilmer, U. S. N., born Nov. 21; Capt. J. N. Miller, Ensign J. H. Fillmore, P. A. Engr. T. F. Burdett and Asst. Engr. H. Hall, U. S. A., born Nov. 22; Lieut. F. F. Fletcher, Pay Dir. T. H. Looker and Sailmaker J. T. Bailey, U. S. N., born Nov. 23; Comdr. C. V. Gridley, P. A. Engr. R. D. Taylor, U. S. N., and 2d Lieut. F. J. Moses, U. S. M. C., born Nov. 24; Lieut. (junior grade) J. E. Craven and P. A. Engr. A. B. Bates, U. S. N., born Nov. 25; Lieut. F. E. Beatty, Civil Engr. M. T. Endicott, Asst. Paymr. J. D. Doyle and P. A. Engr. I. S. K. Reeves, U. S. N., born Nov. 26; Ensign J. A. Hoogewerk, Chief Engr. Wm. B. Brooks, U. S. N., born Nov. 27; Comdr. W. R. Bridgman and Lt. (jr. grade) DeW. Coffman, U. S. N., born Nov. 28; Comdr. G. R. Durand, Capt. G. C. Witte, Lieut. F. H. Lefavor, Lieut. J. C. Cresap, Med. Dir. E. M. Gunnell, and Chaplain John R. Matthews, U. S. N., born Nov. 29; Comdr. J. Schouler, Lieut. W. P. Ray, Paymr. G. H. Read, P. A. Engr. J. J. Barry, U. S. N., and Lieut. G. F. Elliott, U. S. M. C., born Nov. 30; Lieut. S. Seabury, Lieut. W. L. Burdick and Chief Engr. W. S. Stamm, U. S. N., born Dec. 1; Lieutenant J. A. Norris, Ensign M. Johnson, Ensign R. Wells, Jr., Asst. Engr. C. W. Dyson, Boatwain X. Perrinmond, and Gunner J. A. M. Donald, U. S. N., born Dec. 2; Lt. A. P. Nazro, Lieut. J. Hood, U. S. N., and Major R. W. Huntington, U. S. M. C., born Dec. 4; Lieut. R. R. Ingersoll and Naval Constructor W. L. McIntyre, U. S. N., born Dec. 4; Comdr. Thomas Nelson, Capt. Z. L. Tanner, Lieut. Comdr. W. Maynard, Ensign W. O. Hulme and Surg. W. Martin, U. S. N., born Dec. 5; Lt. Comdr. G. E. Ide, P. A. Surg. W. A. Mintzer, Ensign W. G. Richardson, and Carpenter T. M. Glone, U. S. N., born December 6; Carpenter A. O. Goodsoe, U. S. Navy, and Lieutenant G. Barnett, U. S. M. C., born December 7; Commander J. B. Coghan, Lt. R. M. G. Brown, Lt. (junior grade) H. McL. P. Huse, and P. A. Engr. E. R. Freeman, U. S. N., born Dec. 8; Capt. R. F. Bradford, Lieut. (junior grade) H. W. Harrison, and F. W. Toppin, U. S. N., born Dec. 9; P. A. Engr. J. S. Ogden, Ensign C. M. Knipper, Gunner W. A. Ferrier and Gunner G. Fouse, U. S. N., born Dec. 10; Chief Eng. J. Lowe, P. A. Paymaster J. C. Sullivan, P. A. Surg. C. Biddle, Lt. E. H. Gheen, and Boatwain J. Smith, U. S. N., born Dec. 11; Capt. R. L. Law, Med. Insp. G. H. Cooke, Paymaster E. N. Whitehouse, P. A. Surg. A. C. Hefenger, Chaplain R. Hudson, Lt. H. Hutchins and Ensign C. M. Fane, U. S. N., Dec. 12.

CAPTAIN D. M. SCOTT, U. S. A., of New Orleans, is expected at Mobile, Ala., next week on a short visit.

COLONEL M. V. SHERIDAN, U. S. A., now East on leave, will return to Omaha about the middle of December.

CAPTAIN MOSES HARRIS, 1st U. S. Cavalry, was a visitor this week at Fond du Lac, Wisconsin.

LIEUTENANT GEORGE J. GODFREY, 12th U. S. Infantry, on leave from Fort Sully, is visiting in New York City.

CAPTAIN F. M. GIBSON, U. S. A., retired from active service Dec. 3, is residing at 2037 De Lancey Place, Philadelphia.

THE following Army officers registered at the War Department this week: Col. Henry L. Abbot, Engrs.; Col. A. Mordecai, Ord.; Col. Henry W. Closson, 4th Art.; Capt. D. Mortimer Lee, retired; 1st Lieut. John P. Finley, 9th Inf.; Capt. E. O. Gibson, retired; 1st Lieut. Edw. Barry, Engrs.; Capt. W. E. Wilder, 4th Cav.; and 2d Lieut. Odon Guovita, 11th Infantry.

CHAPLAIN J. WOART, retired, has left La Grange, Ill., for San Jose, Cal.

COLONEL A. PIPER, retired, is registered at Park Avenue Hotel, New York.

MAJOR GENERAL JOHN POPE, retired, is residing at 4162 Washington avenue, St. Louis.

MAJOR A. SHARP, retired, is residing in West Duluth, Minn., having left Leavenworth, Kas.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL H. L. CHIPMAN has gone to San Antonio, Texas, from Detroit, Mich.

MAJOR W. B. LANE, retired, has recently arrived in San Antonio, Texas, from Fort Robinson, Neb.

CAPTAIN E. O. GIBSON, retired, has arrived in Washington, and is stopping at the Hotel Fredonia.

MAJOR A. TRACY has arrived in N. Y. City from Portland, Me., and is residing at 33 West 31st street.

CAPTAIN J. A. BATES, retired, is residing at Eckington, one of the pretty suburbs of Washington, D. C.

CAPTAIN HENRY F. BREWERTON, 5th U. S. Art., visited friends at Ft. Wadsworth, N. Y. H., this week.

ASSISTANT SURGEON A. S. POLHEMUS, U. S. A., rejoined at Ft. Monroe, Va., this week from a short leave.

2d LIEUTENANT F. W. ELLIS, recently retired, has left Dayton, Wash., for Kendrick, Lathrop County, Idaho.

CAPTAIN ADAM BADEAU, retired, is in New York for the winter, and is residing at the Sturtevant House.

Mrs. CAMERON, of West Point, is seriously ill at the residence of her mother. Mrs. Col. Tilford is in New York.

ADJUTANT JOHN G. BALLANCE, 22d U. S. Infantry, has taken charge of recruiting matters at Fort Keogh, Mont.

LIEUTENANT C. J. SYMONDS, 7th U. S. Cavalry, will leave Fort Sill, O. T., next week to spend the holidays on leave.

CAPTAIN L. A. ABBOTT, retired, has changed his residence from 1928 N. H. avenue to the Belvedere Hotel, Washington, D. C.

LIEUTENANT C. T. MENOHER, 1st U. S. Artillery, left Governor's Island this week to spend the Christmas holidays with friends.

LIEUTENANT W. T. WILDER, 19th U. S. Infantry, was expected to leave Fort Wayne, Mich., this week to spend the winter on leave.

COLONEL R. I. DODGE, retired, has arrived in San Antonio, Texas, from Los Vegas, New Mexico. He is stopping at the Menger Hotel.

CAPTAIN H. CATLEY, retired, is residing at 204 Garfield avenue, Syracuse, N. Y., having recently removed from 1,253 Salem street.

COLONEL W. B. HUGHES, U. S. A., sailed from Havre en route to Florence, Italy, on Saturday last, on the steamship *La Champagne*.

2d LIEUTENANT J. T. BARNETT, retired, has recently arrived in Pueblo, Colo., from Danville, Ind. He resides at 414 Abrieneh avenue.

SEVERAL of the student officers at Forts Monroe and Leavenworth leave there next week to spend the Christmas holidays with friends.

CHAPLAIN W. H. PEARSON, U. S. A., on leave from Fort Stanton, was expected in New York City this week to be examined for retirement.

COLONEL E. BUTLER, retired, has recently arrived in Omaha, Neb., from Miles City, Mont. He resides at 1,823 Farman street, Washington, D. C.

CAPTAIN J. Q. ADAMS, 1st U. S. Cavalry, and Adj. J. A. Gaston, 8th U. S. Cav., were expected in St. Louis this week en route to Jefferson Bks.

CAPTAIN EDWARD MAGUIRE, Corps of Engineers, U. S. A., at present in Detroit, will shortly go to Philadelphia, Pa., which will be his station.

CAPTAIN D. M. LEE, retired, is residing this winter at 906 Fourteenth street, Washington, D. C., having recently arrived there from New London, Ct.

CAPTAIN F. H. E. EBSTEIN, 21st U. S. Infantry, who has been on a brief leave in Brooklyn, N. Y., left this week for his station at Fort Sidney, Neb.

LIEUTENANT JAMES HAMILTON, 3d U. S. Artillery, of Theron's battery, at Fort Monroe, Va., transfers to Chester's battery, at Washington Bks., D. C.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL E. G. BUSH, 11th U. S. Infantry, commandant of Fort Niagara, on court-martial duty in New York City, is quartered at the Grand Hotel.

CAPTAIN C. A. WILLIAMS, 21st U. S. Infantry, is at present in Wheeling, W. Va., his own and his wife's native city, where he expects to pass most of the ensuing two months.

COLONEL J. S. POLAND, 17th U. S. Infantry, will leave Fort D. A. Russell, Wyo., in a few days to spend the winter in a less severe climate for the benefit of his health.

MR. GEORGE A. NUNES, for a long time post chief clerk of the A. G. O., Headquarters, Department of Arizona, has, we observe by recent orders, relinquished that position.

MAJOR D. W. BURKE, U. S. A., has changed his residence from 204 West 133d street, New York City, to 486 McDonough street, Brooklyn, N. Y., his office address being 146 Park Row, New York City.

LIEUTENANT S. COSBY, Corps of Engineers, U. S. Army, has returned to Willets Point from a trip to Pittsburgh to attend the wedding of Lieut. P. E. Pierce, 6th U. S. Inf., and Miss Agnes Young.

Mrs. E. V. SUMNER, the wife of Colonel Sumner, U. S. A., has been called to Harrisburg, Pa., by the death of her mother, the widow of the late General John Forster, a brigadier-general in the War of 1812.

GENERAL M. D. L. SIMPSON, U. S. A., is spending the winter at Wionetka, Ill.

LIEUTENANT S. A. DYER, 23d U. S. Inf., is a recent arrival in Washington, D. C.

CAPTAIN C. A. BOOTH, 7th U. S. Infantry, is a recent visitor to Pottsville, Pa.

CAPTAIN J. W. JACOBS, U. S. A., is a recent guest at the Coates Hotel, Kansas City.

ADJUTANT F. W. SIBLEY, 2d U. S. Cav., will spend the greater part of the winter on leave.

CAPTAIN A. H. GOODLOE, U. S. Army, retired, now abroad, arrived at Nice, France, this week.

COLONEL A. K. SMITH, U. S. A., retired, is residing on Belden avenue, Dobb's Ferry, N. Y.

LIEUTENANT S. S. PAGUE, 15th U. S. Inf., left Ft. Sheridan, Ill., this week on a month's vacation.

CAPTAIN S. M. MILLS, 5th U. S. Artillery, rejoined at Fort Monroe, Va., this week from a short leave.

LIEUTENANT H. N. ROYDEN, 23d U. S. Inf., has taken charge of recruiting matters at Ft. Bliss, Tex.

CAPTAIN JAMES REGAN, 9th U. S. Inf., was at Penn Yan, N. Y., this week on regimental recruiting service.

LIEUTENANT CHAS. G. TREAT, A. D. C. to Major-General Howard, visited friends in Washington this week.

MAJOR EMIL ADAM, 6th U. S. Cavalry, lately at Fort Niobrara, has changed base to Fort Washakie, Wyoming.

LIEUTENANT G. W. GOODE, 1st U. S. Cav., is a recent addition to the commissioned roster of Ft. Buford, N. D.

COLONEL N. W. OSBORNE, 5th U. S. Inf., arrived in New York City on Tuesday for duty on the Throokmorton court.

LIEUTENANT M. C. BUTLER, 5th U. S. Cavalry, has left Fort Supply, I. T., to spend the Christmas holidays with friends.

GENERAL THOS. M. VINCENT, U. S. A., has returned to Washington, D. C., from a pleasant tour of inspection in the West.

LIEUTENANT JOHN V. WHITE, 1st U. S. Art., is a recent arrival at Ft. Wadsworth, Staten Island, for duty with Russell's battery.

MAJOR ASA B. CAREY, Paymaster, U. S. A., stationed at Boston, Mass., is at present in New York City on court-martial service.

LIEUTENANT M. G. ZALINSKI, 2d U. S. Artillery, lately at Rochester, N. Y., on sick leave, is expected to rejoin at Fort Warren in a few days.

CAPTAIN F. A. FIELD, formerly captain of the 11th U. S. Infantry, is a recent addition of the District of Columbia Commandery of the Loyal Legion.

CAPTAIN CHARLES KING, U. S. A., contributes to *Harper's Young People* of Dec. 1, 1891, an amusing story—illustrated—entitled "Pop's Promotion."

CAPTAIN FRANCIS EDWIN PIERCE, 1st U. S. Infantry, brevet brigadier-general, U. S. V., is a recent addition to the Minnesota Commandery of the Loyal Legion.

CAPTAIN JOHN R. MYRICK, 3d U. S. Artillery, has assumed command of Fort McHenry, Md., during the absence of Lieut.-Col. Bainbridge on Court-martial duty in New York City.

CAPTAIN W. H. FELL, 23d U. S. Infantry, has closed up recruiting matters at Portland, Me., and will now see what material for the Army is to be found in and near Concord, N. H.

CAPTAIN EZRA P. EWERS, 5th U. S. Infantry, was expected in New York City this week to report to Col. Otis, Superintendent of the Recruiting Service, for assignment to duty at Davis Island.

MAJOR WM. ARTHUR and Capt. John Proctor Thompson, U. S. Army, have recently been transferred from the California Commandery of the Loyal Legion to the Minnesota Commandery.

COLONEL RICHARD I. DODGE, U. S. Army, retired, is expected at San Antonio on a visit to old comrades of the 23d U. S. Infantry, of which regiment he was the lieutenant-colonel from 1873 until 1882.

CAPTAIN CHAS. G. PENNEY, 6th U. S. Infantry, who has just relinquished duty at the Pine Ridge Agency, South Dakota, will spend December and January on leave and then join at Fort Thomas, Ky.

CAPTAIN PHILIP READE, 3d U. S. Infantry, contributes to the *St. Paul Dispatch* an extremely interesting article descriptive of the progress made in the construction of engines of war in the past generation.

WILLETS POINT was agreeably increased a few days ago by the arrival of the class for torpedo instruction consisting of Lieuts. John A. Perry, W. F. Martin, C. G. Dwyer, H. D. Humphrey, F. A. Tripp, J. C. Gregg and E. R. Chrisman.

GENERAL R. H. JACKSON, U. S. A., is in command of the 4th U. S. Artillery and of the post of Fort McPherson, Ga., during the absence of Col. Closson in New York City. He will make a trip to St. Augustine, Fla., next week, where he has a host of friends.

CAPTAIN W. E. HOPKINS, Assistant Surgeon, U. S. Army, left Governor's Island this week, amid many regrets, for San Francisco, where his address is 215 Genry street. He will leave the Service in the spring of 1892 to pursue a lucrative practice on the Pacific Coast.

THE *Boston Evening Gazette* of Nov. 28 says:

Miss Kate Watkins, one of New York's cleverest young artists in portraiture, who has recently returned from Paris, will pass the winter in Boston. Miss Watkins, who is a sister of Mrs. Gilbert Edmund Overton and Mrs. Sebree Smith, has taken a suite of rooms at 128 Huntington avenue, where she will also have her studio. This, judging by its prototype in New York and Paris, will be one of the pleasantest centres of the artistic life of the city. Miss Watkins, who has many friends in Boston, all of whom are congratulating themselves upon her decision in favor of Boston as an abiding place, will have, as usual, her mother for presiding genius in her charming home.

MRS. H. P. WALKER, widow of Lieut. H. P. Walker, 17th U. S. Inf., is visiting at 58 W. 53d street, N. Y. City. Her Army friends will be interested in her card published in our advertising columns.

Among Harper and Brothers' latest announcement is the "Life of Gen. Thomas J. Jackson (Stonewall Jackson)," by his wife, Mary Anna Jackson, with an introduction by the Rev. Henry M. Field, D. D.

MAJOR-GENERAL O. O. HOWARD, U. S. A., has selected as his third aide-de-camp a bright young Illinoisan, Lieut. Godfrey H. Macdonald, 1st U. S. Cavalry. Lieut. Macdonald is at present at Fort Meade.

MAJOR GUY V. HENRY, 9th U. S. Cavalry, commandant of Fort Myer, Va., looked up old friends in New York City this week, returning temporarily to his post during the adjournment of the Throokmorton Court.

LIEUTENANT D. J. RUMBROUGH, 3d U. S. Artillery, is still visiting at San Antonio, and will not return to Washington Bks. until after the holidays. The statement that he had returned is erroneous, as his leave does not expire until about Jan. 23.

LIEUTENANTS ODON GUROVITS and Wm. Weigel, 11th U. S. Infantry, were to leave Sackett's Harbor, N. Y., this week en route to Europe to spend the winter with relatives and friends. They sail Dec. 15 on the *Spree* of the North German Lloyd line.

MAJOR E. C. BOYTON, formerly of the U. S. Army and adjutant of the U. S. Military Academy from 1861 to 1871, who resigned in 1872 and took up his residence in Newburg, had a stroke of paralysis last week and his condition was then considered critical.

CRANSTON AND STOWE, of Cincinnati, have issued a neat pamphlet containing the "Minutes of the Conference of Army Chaplains, held at Leavenworth, May 13 to 15, 1891." Copies of the pamphlet may be obtained from Chaplain O. J. Nave, U. S. Army, Fort Niobrara, who was secretary for the Conference.

The wife of Lieut. J. C. Beardsley, 8th U. S. Infantry, at Cleveland, Oct. 9, presented him with a daughter. Mrs. Beardsley is a daughter of Gen. James A. Bishin, colonel of the 8th Cavalry, U. S. Army. The father and mother of the new recruit are as proud and happy as the grandfather will be when he hears of it.

The Army Building, New York City, which relapsed into its usual routine a few weeks ago at the conclusion of the Farrow Court-martial, was again brightened up this week by the assembly on Wednesday of the Throokmorton Court. The rank of the accused necessarily requires members of the Court for his trial to be of rank not below a major.

We regret to learn that Brig.-Gen. Thomas W. Sweeney, U. S. A., retired, has been confined to his home, No. 126 Franklin street, Astoria, L. I., for several weeks, suffering from nervous prostration resulting from a painful accident received some time ago. His family physician hopes that he will have sufficiently recovered to celebrate his birthday on Dec. 25, Christmas Day.

The great topic of conversation in fashionable aristocratic circles this week, says a London despatch, is the engagement of Prince Albert Victor, eldest son of the Prince of Wales, to Princess Victoria Mary of Teck. On all sides the utmost satisfaction is expressed, and there is no doubt that the match is a "love affair" to a far greater extent than the majority of royal betrothals.

MRS. TAYLOR, wife of Capt. Asher C. Taylor, 2d Artillery, this week, received a despatch announcing the death of her mother at Cottonwood, Cal. This is the second death in the family in the past 30 days. Mrs. Taylor's sister died suddenly of heart failure on Oct. 30. Mrs. Taylor was ready to start for California, but owing to an attack of nervous or heart trouble was obliged to wait until too late.

MATTERS at Fort Spokane, Wash., do not appear to be altogether lovely, as appears from the recent proceedings of a regimental court appointed to inquire into complaints made by Trumpeter James E. Pamplier, Co. B, 4th Inf., against Capt. Thomas F. Quinn, Capt. Wm. H. Hiseb, 4th Inf., was president of the Court, and Lieut. E. L. Bailey, 4th Inf., J. A. In the course of the proceedings Capt. Quinn presented a written address in which he made a severe assault upon Lieut. Bailey.

The death of Col. Joseph S. Conrad, 21st U. S. Infantry, changes the promotion slate once more. The following are resulting promotions in the infantry arm: Lieut.-Col. Horace Jewett, 3d, to colonel, 21st; Major Edward Moale, 1st, to lieut.-colonel, 5d; Capt. Chas. Bentzon, 25th, to major, 1st, and 1st Lieut. R. H. R. Loughborough, 25th, to captain. The seniors in the infantry arm are now Lieut.-Col. G. M. Brayton, 9th; Major H. C. Cook, 18th, and Capt. A. S. Daggett, 2d, and they will likely get their step Jan. 5 next on the retirement of Gen. Kautz.

The War Department has recently issued a medal of honor to Bvt.-Maj.-Gen. N. M. Curtis, U. S. Vol., for distinguished personal bravery in the assault and capture of Fort Fisher, N. C., Jan. 15, 1865. Gen. Curtis's fame as a soldier and a gentleman is well known to Vermonters, some of whom had the pleasure of serving with him and all are pleased at this recognition of his valor by Congress. General Curtis is a resident of Ogdensburg, N. Y., and has just been elected member of Congress from his district and will make his mark there as he did in the Army.—*Burlington Free Press*.

A PRETTY military wedding took place at Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 3. The groom was Lieut. Palmer E. Pierce, 6th Inf., and the bride Miss Agnes Young, daughter of Mr. W. J. Young, of Pittsburgh. Lieut. Pierce graduated last June from West Point, where he was a great favorite with both officers and cadets, having, indeed, been president of his class during the whole of the four years at the Academy. The wedding was celebrated in the presence of a large number of friends and relatives at the residence of Mr. Young, which was most tastefully decorated for the occasion. The bride, a handsome brunette, was attended by her sister, Miss Katharine Young, as maid of honor. After the ceremony Lieut. and Mrs. Pierce left for their home at Fort Porter, N. Y.

THE *Los Angeles Times* says: Col. H. C. Corbin, U. S. Army, and the editor of the *Times* are out on a hunting expedition in Northern Arizona. A testimonial from the first day's sport has arrived in the shape of a brace of fine wild turkeys, sent in by express. As both gentlemen have the reputation of setting what they go a gunning for, we look for daily consignments of antelope, deer and bear until the close of the chase.

CAPTAIN LEMUEL A. ABBOTT, U. S. A., now located at the Belvedere Hotel, Washington, D. C., has been unanimously elected an honorary member of the Board of Trade of the city of Aberdeen, in recognition of services rendered that city in getting the outer bar to Gray's Harbor, Wash., reconveyed, and in inducing the N. F. Railroad Co. to locate and build its road on the north side of the harbor into and through Aberdeen.

COLONEL P. D. VROOM, Inspector-General, U. S. A., in a recent inspection report says: "The command of Fort Riley is very ably exercised by Col. Jas. W. Forsyth, 7th Cavalry. Military duty is performed strictly in accordance with the requirements of the Regulations, and the command is in a highly creditable state of efficiency. The discipline is excellent and Fort Riley is a military post in every sense of the term. The drill and instruction of the troops of both arms has been very thorough, and great credit is due Col. Jas. W. Forsyth, 7th Cav., and the officers under him for the excellent condition of the command."

Town Topics says: "The marriage of Miss Rachel Sherman to Dr. Thorndyke will take place in Washington City some time this month, at the residence of her uncle, Senator John Sherman, opposite Franklin Park. The wedding will be a morning one, and owing to the deep mourning of the bride elect for her father, Gen. Sherman, the guests will be limited to the immediate families of the contracting parties, and a few of their intimate friends, among the latter, the Vice-President and Mrs. Morton. As Dr. Thorndyke is a Unitarian in faith, the union in this regard is somewhat peculiar, the Tecumseh Shermans being devoted Catholics, so devout, in fact, that the Pope bestowed upon the late Mrs. Sherman the decoration of the golden rose."

A DESPATCH from Greeley, Col., says: "The marriage of Miss Mary T. Hogarty to Bruce C. Eaton took place at noon Dec. 1 at the residence of the bride's parents, Capt. and Mrs. M. J. Hogarty, of La Grange, a beautiful suburb of Greeley. At the conclusion of the ceremony all present sat down to a dainty lunch. The bride is the second daughter of Capt. M. J. Hogarty, U. S. A., retired. The captain, since his retirement from the Regular Army, has resided here and engaged in stock-raising and ranching. He is a graduate of our High School and the State University at Boulder, and has ever been a great favorite with young and old. The groom is the youngest son of ex Gov. and Mrs. Eaton, and is a prominent leader in the young society of Greeley and vicinity. He is a member of Gov. Routt's staff and is well acquainted in Denver, residing there during his father's administration of Colorado's gubernatorial affairs."

FOLLOWING is the inscription on the medal of honor recently granted to Gen. Galusha Pennypacker: "The Congress of the United States to Brevet Major-General Galusha Pennypacker, United States Army, for Bravery in the Battle of Fort Fisher, North Carolina, Jan. 15, 1865." In noticing the presentation of this medal, the *Philadelphia Times* says: "Gen. Pennypacker suffered more serious wounds than any other veteran of our acquaintance who yet survives, and the only expression that is likely to be heard from the living veterans of Pennsylvania to-day is that this recognition of one of our most gallant Pennsylvanians soldiers has been too long delayed. It is not invidious to say that of the scores of thousands of brave Pennsylvanians who faced the flame of battle to save the Republic, no one more gallantly performed his duty than Gen. Galusha Pennypacker, and the medal of honor he now wears has reflected lustre from the heroism of the wearer."

In the *N. Y. Sun* and other papers appears an article by Col. Chas. King, captain, U. S. A., showing how they used to settle affairs of honor at West Point with their fists when he was a cadet. The etiquette of the boys on matters of this kind was precise as that of the Heidelberg student. "Never seek—never shirk" was the motto, and therefore an unwritten code as to what did and what did not constitute *casus belli* was in existence and some of its tenets were peculiar. "Rough and tumble" was the word, all gouging, foul hitting, etc., being rigorously prohibited, a foul instantly "throwing" the fight, and bringing the perpetrator into disrepute. The doctor, making his morning round, remarks that the sidewalks seem to have been slippery again last night, and, put to bed in the same ward, the young gladiators are up in a day or so, have shaken hands as well as sprained thumbs would permit, and are playing checkers together as chipper as you please—better friends than if they hadn't fought. And that sort of thing goes on yet. The officials turn a blind side to encounters, and there are none so blind as those who will not see.

MANY happy returns of the day to Capt. D. J. Young, retired, born Dec. 11; to Col. A. J. Perry, A. Q. M. G., born Dec. 11; to Col. N. B. Switzer, retired, born Dec. 12; to Major R. S. Vickery, surgeon, born Dec. 7; to Major J. F. Randlett, 9th Cav., born Dec. 8; to Col. James Biddle, 9th Cav., born Dec. 11; to Capt. C. A. P. Hatfield, 4th Cav., born Dec. 9; to Capt. W. M. Black, C. E., born Dec. 8; to Capt. E. R. Morris, asst.-surg., born Dec. 8; to Capt. A. B. MacGowan, 12th Inf., born Dec. 10; to Capt. Thomas Sharp, 17th Inf., born Dec. 6; to Capt. L. M. O'Brien, 17th Inf., born Dec. 7; to Capt. A. H. Bainbridge, 14th Inf., born Dec. 7; to Capt. P. H. Remington, 19th Inf., born Dec. 9; to Major G. K. Brady, 18th Inf., born Dec. 9; to Major J. M. Brown, surgeon, born Dec. 8; to Capt. R. H. Pratt, 10th Cav., born Dec. 6; to Capt. D. J. Craigie, 12th Inf., born Dec. 6; to Capt. J. M. J. Sanno, 7th Inf., born Dec. 10; to Capt. E. L. Bailey, 4th Inf., born Dec. 10; to Capt. J. A. Buchanan, 14th Inf., born Dec. 11; to Capt. G. G. Greenough, 4th Art., born Dec. 8; to Capt. C. B. Hinton, 18th Inf., born Dec. 10; to Lieut. D. D. Johnson, 5th Art., born Dec. 11; to Lieut. Theo. Mosher, 23d Inf., born Dec. 7.

THE ARMY.

BENJAMIN HARRISON, *President and Commander-in-Chief.*

REDFIELD PROCTOR, *Secretary of War.*

LEWIS A. GRANT, *Assistant Secretary of War.*

G. O. 32, DEPT. OF ARIZONA, Dec. 3, 1891.

The period to constitute the practice season for 1892 is announced: Fort Apache, A. T., April and May; Fort Bayard, N. M., May 15 to July 15; Fort Bowie and Grant, A. T., April and May; Ft. Huachuca, A. T., April 15 to June 15; Ft. Marcy, N. M., May and June; San Carlos, A. T., March and April; San Diego Barracks, Cal., May 15 to July 15; Ft. Stanton, N. M., and Whipple Barracks, A. T., May and June, and Ft. Wingate, N. M., May 15 to July 15.

CIR. 15, DEPT. OF DAKOTA, Dec. 7, 1891.

Enlisted men conducting prisoners to Fort Snelling, or on other detached service to this city, apply in person without credentials to these headquarters for delay in returning to post so frequently as to require correction. There is no objection to delays not to exceed five days in such cases, when approved by the post commander, and instructions will be given to the commanding officer at Fort Snelling to grant accordingly in cases coming to his post so approved. For delays exceeding five days timely notice should be sent in advance of party to these headquarters in order that proper instructions may be given.

By command of Brig. Gen. Merritt:
M. BARBER, Asst. Adjt.-Gen.

STAFF CORPS AND DEPARTMENTS.

Adjutant and Inspector Generals.

The leave granted Maj. Michael V. Sheridan, Asst. A. G., is extended 10 days (S. O., Dec. 8, H. Q. A.)

Quartermasters and Subsistence Departments

Maj. James W. Scully, Q. M., will proceed from Atlanta, Ga., to the National Cemetery, Fort Hudson, La., on public business (S. O., Dec. 4, H. Q. A.)

Capt. Douglas M. Scott, C. S., Asst. Depot Q. M. at New Orleans, La., will proceed to Ft. Morgan, Ala., on public business (S. O. 80, Dec. 7, D. East.)

Capt. Crosby P. Miller, Asst. Q. M., will proceed from Washington, D. C., to Ft. Leavenworth, Kas.; Ft. Sheridan, Ill., and Ft. Niagara, N. Y., on public business (S. O., Dec. 9, H. Q. A.)

The following change of station of commissary sergeants will be made: Comy. Sergt. William Bolton, from duty at Ft. Spokane, Wash., to Ft. Townsend, Wash.; Comy. Sergt. Dennis W. Carroll, from duty at Ft. Townsend, Wash., to Ft. Yellowstone, Wyo.; Comy. Sergt. Henry Wilson, from duty at Ft. Yellowstone, Wyo., to Ft. Spokane, Wash. (S. O., Dec. 5, H. Q. A.)

Under date of Dec. 3, the Major-General commanding the Army authorized the commanding officer at David's Island, N. Y. H., to grant to Comy. Sergt. Elwell such extension of the limits of his confinement as, in the judgment of the commanding officer, will enable sergt. Elwell to attend to his personal affairs.

Pay Department.

The following assignment of paymasters is made for the payments due Nov. 30: Maj. F. S. Dodge, Paymr., at Boise Barracks, Idaho; Ft. Walla Walla, Wash., and Ft. Sherman, Idaho. Maj. J. C. Muhlenberg, Paymr., at headquarters of the Department, Vancouver Barracks, Ft. Canby and Townsend, Wash., and detachment of the 14th Infantry, at the Payallup Indian Reservation, near Tacoma, Wash. (S. O. 195, Nov. 24, D. Columbia.)

The troops in the Dept. of Arizona will be paid to include the muster of Nov. 30 as follows: By Maj. J. P. Canby, Paymr., at San Diego Barracks, Cal.; troops detached from post and general service clerks and messengers at Department headquarters (S. O. 146, Nov. 27, D. Ariz.)

Payments to troops on the muster of Nov. 30 are assigned to paymasters as follows: Maj. Frank M. Cox, Presidio of San Francisco, Cal.; Maj. W. M. Maynard, Angel Island, Alcatraz Island, Benicia Barracks, Benicia Arsenal, and Ft. Mason, Cal. (S. O. 116, Nov. 27, D. Cal.)

Maj. John C. Muhlenberg, Paymr., accompanied by his authorized clerk, will proceed on public business to Portland, Ore., and return (S. O. 196, Nov. 27, D. Columbia.)

The Q. M. Dept. will furnish transportation, by express, from New York City to West Point, Sackett's Harbor and Plattsburgh Barracks, N. Y., for public funds required by Maj. A. E. Bates, Paymr., for payment of troops (S. O. 80, Dec. 7, D. East.)

Medical Department.

Act. Asst. Surg. Alonzo F. Steigers is assigned to duty at Alcatraz Island, Cal. (S. O. 118, Dec. 1, D. Cal.)

Maj. Ezra Woodruff, Surg., is detailed as a member of the Army Retiring Board at the Army Building, New York City, vice Capt. William E. Hopkins, Asst. Surg., hereby relieved (S. O., Dec. 3, H. Q. A.)

Capt. Henry G. Burton, Asst. Surg., will report to Brig.-Gen. Alexander McD. McCook, president of the Army Retiring Board at Los Angeles, Cal., for examination (S. O., Dec. 3, H. Q. A.)

Leave for one month, with permission to apply for an extension of one month, is granted 1st Lieut. James D. Glennan, Asst. Surg., Camp at Oklahoma City, O. T. (S. O. 120, Dec. 3, D. Mo.)

1st Lieut. Merritte W. Ireland, Asst. Surg., now at Ft. Riley, Kas., will proceed to Camp at Oklahoma City, O. T., for temporary duty, during the absence on leave of Asst. Surg. J. D. Glennan (S. O. 120, Dec. 3, D. Mo.)

Act. Asst. Surg. William Shippen is relieved from duty at Ft. Pembina, N. D., and after turning over to 1st Lieut. Frank P. Avery, 3d Inf., all medical and other property for which he is responsible, will proceed to Ft. Yates, N. D., and report to the C. O. of that post for duty (S. O. 200, Dec. 4, D. Dak.)

Capt. Edwin F. Gardner, Asst. Surg., is relieved from the status of awaiting orders in New York City, and will report for the C. O. Ft. Columbus for temporary duty (S. O. 79, Dec. 4, D. East.)

A Board of Officers, to consist of Maj. Joseph R. Gibson, Surg.; Capt. Henry S. Kilbourne, Asst. Surg., is appointed to meet at West Point, N. Y., on Dec. 9, for the purpose of examining Cadets Alo-

ysius P. J. O'Harra and Daniel Delaney, and determining whether they are physically qualified to continue with the Corps of Cadets (S. O., Dec. 5, H. Q. A.)

Leave, to include April 5, 1892, is granted Capt. William E. Hopkins, Asst. Surg. The resignation of Captain William E. Hopkins, Asst. Surg., has been accepted by the President to take effect April 5, 1892 (S. O., Dec. 5, H. Q. A.)

Maj. Richard S. Vickery, Surg., is detailed as a member of the Examining Board at Ft. Monroe, Va., vice Maj. Curtis E. Munn, Surg., relieved (S. O., Dec. 7, H. Q. A.)

Capt. Arthur W. Taylor, Asst. Surg., having been found incapacitated for active service by an Army Retiring Board, is granted leave of absence until further orders on account of disability (S. O., Dec. 8, H. Q. A.)

Leave for 15 days is granted Paul Shillock, Asst. Surg. (S. O., Dec. 8, H. Q. A.)

Col. Joseph P. Wright, Surg., is detailed as a member of the Army Retiring Board at Ft. Leavenworth, Kas., vice 1st Lieut. Benjamin L. Ten Eyck, Asst. Surg., hereby relieved (S. O., Dec. 9, H. Q. A.)

Maj. Julius H. Patzki, Surg., will report to Col. Edwin F. Townsend, 12th Inf., president of the Army Retiring Board at Ft. Leavenworth, Kas., for examination by the board, and on the conclusion of his examination will return to his proper station (S. O., Dec. 9, H. Q. A.)

Act. Asst. Surg. A. L. Comfort is relieved from duty at the U. S. Military Prison, Ft. Leavenworth, Kas., to take effect on the arrival at that station of Capt. Charles Richard, Asst. Surg., and will report to the C. O. Ft. Leavenworth for duty at that station (S. O., Dec. 9, H. Q. A.)

The following changes in the stations and duties of officers of the Medical Department are ordered: Capt. Walter R. Fisher, Asst. Surg., from duty at Ft. Assiniboine, Mont., to Ft. Columbus, N. Y.; 1st Lieut. Charles E. Woodruff, Asst. Surg., from duty at Ft. Missoula, Mont., to Ft. Assiniboine, Mont. (S. O., Dec. 9, H. Q. A.)

The Comdg. Gen. Dept. of Arizona will grant a furlough for four months to Hsopl. Stwd. Charles O. Schott, on duty at Ft. Apache, A. T. (S. O., Dec. 8, H. Q. A.)

Hsopl. Stwd. Charles Saunders (appointed Dec. 7, 1891), now at Ft. Niobrara, Neb., will proceed to Ft. Apache, A. T., for duty (S. O., Dec. 9, H. Q. A.)

Engineer and Ordnance Departments.

The following changes in the stations and duties of officers of the Corps of Engineers are ordered: Capt. Edward Maguire will take station at Philadelphia, Pa., relieving Capt. Frederick A. Mahan, who will take station at Washington, D. C., as Engineer Secretary of the Light-House Board, and relieving of that duty Maj. James F. Gregory, now on leave of absence (S. O., Dec. 4, H. Q. A.)

Maj. Lewis C. Overman, C. E., is hereby relieved of all the duties now under his charge. Capt. Thos. Turtle, C. E., will immediately assume charge of all the duties heretofore under the charge of Maj. Overman (S. O. 70, Dec. 7, C. E.)

Lieut.-Col. Francis H. Parker, O. D., is detailed as a member of the board of ordnance officers appointed for the purpose of testing rifled cannon, vice Maj. George W. McKee, O. D., deceased (S. O., Dec. 7, H. Q. A.)

Maj. James W. Reilly, O. D., is detailed as a member of the board of officers convened at the Army Building, New York City, to consider and recommend a suitable magazine system for rifles and carbines for the Military Service, vice Maj. George W. McKee, O. D., deceased (S. O., Dec. 7, H. Q. A.)

Chaplains.

Post Chaplain Orville J. Nave will repair from Washington, D. C., to Ft. Niobrara, Neb., for the purpose of attending the annual meeting of the United Christian Commission, and on or about Jan. 1, 1892, he will proceed to rejoin his station (S. O., Dec. 3, H. Q. A.)

The extension of leave granted Post Chaplain William H. Pearson is further extended one month on surgeon's certificate of disability (S. O., Dec. 5, H. Q. A.)

Post Chaplain William H. Pearson will report to Col. Alexander J. Perry, Asst. Q. M. Gen., president of the Army Retiring Board appointed to meet at Army Building in New York City, for examination by the Board (S. O., Dec. 3, H. Q. A.)

So much of Par. 16, S. O. 152, July 3, 1891, H. Q. A., as changes the station of Post Chaplain George Robinson from Ft. Davis to Ft. Ringgold, Tex., and directs him to proceed to the latter station on the expiration of his leave of absence, is amended so as to change his station from Ft. Davis, Tex., to Ft. Sill, O. T. (S. O., Dec. 9, H. Q. A.)

THE LINE.

The Stations of Companies not mentioned here will be found by reference to last number of the JOURNAL.

1st Cavalry, Colonel Abraham K. Arnold.

Hdgra. B. E. G. K. and L. Ft. Custer, Mont.; B. Ft. Keogh, Mont.; I. Ft. Leavenworth, Kas.; C. and F. Ft. Assiniboine, Mont.; H. Fort Buford; A. Ft. Myer, Va.—Indian troop.

1st Lieut. Geo. W. Goode is relieved from further duty at Fort Custer, Mont., and will proceed to Ft. Buford, N. D., and join his troop (S. O. 197, Nov. 30, D. Platte.)

Capt. Moses Harris, recruiting officer, Milwaukee, Wis., will visit the temporary branch rendezvous at Fond du Lac, Wis., Dec. 8, 14, 19 and 24, on duty in connection with the recruiting service, and on completion of the duty will rejoin his station (S. O. 270, Dec. 4, R. Ser.)

Capt. John Q. Adams, Fort Custer, Mont., will proceed without delay to Jefferson Barracks, Mo., to take charge of and conduct a detachment of recruits for the 1st Cav. to Fort Custer (S. O. 199, Dec. 3, D. Dak.)

1st Lieut. Godfrey H. Macdonald, as soon as his services can be spared, will be relieved from his present duties, and will then repair to Governor's Island, N. Y., and report in person to Major-Gen. Oliver O. Roward for duty as A. D. C. on his staff (S. O., Dec. 3, H. Q. A.)

Col. Abraham K. Arnold, Fort Custer, Mont., will report at the Dept. Dak. Hdgra. on public business (S. O. 201, Dec. 5, D. Dak.)

2nd Cavalry, Colonel George G. Hunt.

Hdgra. C. D. H. and L. Ft. Wingate, N. M.; K. San Carlos, Ariz.; G. Ft. Stanton, N. M.; B and I, Ft. Huachuca, Ariz.; A and E, Ft. Bowie, Ariz.; F, Ft. Leavenworth, Kas.—Indian troop.

The leave granted Capt. Samuel T. Hamilton is extended six months on surgeon's certificate (S. O., Dec. 8, H. Q. A.)

3rd Cavalry, Colonel Albert P. Morrow.

Hdgra. and G. Ft. McIntosh, Tex.; F, Ft. Hancock, Tex.; A, D, I, and K, Ft. Sam Houston, Tex.; C, Ft. Ringgold, Tex.; B, Ft. Brown, Tex.; H, Eagle Pass, Tex.; E, Camp Pecos Colorado, Tex.; L, Fort Meade, S. D.—Indian troop.

Leave for ten days, to take effect on or about Dec. 21, is granted 1st Lieut. Parker W. West (S. O., Dec. 7, H. Q. A.)

4th Cavalry, Colonel Chas. E. Compton.

Hdgra. A, D, and H, Ft. Walla Walla, Wash.; C, Ft. Bidwell, Cal.; G, Ft. Sherman, Idaho; E, Vancouver Bks. Wash.; B, Boise Bks. Idaho; B, I, and K, Presidio of San Francisco, Cal.; L, Fort Sherman—Indian troop.

Capt. Cunliffe H. Murray is relieved from duty as member of the G. C. M. appointed to meet at Fort Sherman, Idaho (S. O. 197, Nov. 23, D. Columbia.)

Leave for fifteen days is granted 1st Lieut. Robert D. Walsh (S. O., Dec. 8, H. Q. A.)

5th Cavalry, Colonel Eugene A. Carr.

Hdgra. A, E, F, G, K and L, Ft. Niobrara, Neb.; C, D, and H, Ft. McKinney, Wyo.; I, Fort Yellowstone, Wyo.; B, Ft. Washakie, Wyo.—Indian troop.

2d Lieut. Elmer Lindsley is relieved from duty as a member and detailed as J. A. of the G. C. M. at Fort McKinney, Wyo. (S. O. 133, Dec. 2, D. Platte.)

Capt. John B. Kerr will proceed to Madison, Wis., and report in person to the Governor of Wisconsin for temporary duty in connection with the N. G. of that State (S. O., Dec. 8, H. Q. A.)

7th Cavalry, Colonel James W. Forsyth.

Hdgra. A, B, C, D, E, G, I, and K, Ft. Riley, Kas.; F, H, and L, Ft. Sill, Okla. T.—Indian troop.

The following transfers are made: 1st Lieut. Ezra B. Fuller, from Troop I to A; 1st Lieut. John M. Carson, Jr., from Troop A to I (S. O., Dec. 8, H. Q. A.)

Leave for one month, to take effect on or about Dec. 15, is granted 2d Lieut. Chas. J. Symmonds, Ft. Sill, O. T. (S. O. 120, Dec. 3, D. Mo.)

1st Lieut. Horatio G. Sichel is special recruiting officer for the regiment, and will proceed to Topeka, Kas.; Lawrence, Kas.; Independence, Mo., and Sedalia, Mo., and open temporary recruiting rendezvous (Orders 87, 7th Cav., 1891.)

2d Lieut. Chas. W. Fenton is appointed a special recruiting officer for the regiment. As soon as the necessary arrangements can be completed he will proceed to St. Joseph, Mo., and Kansas City, Mo., and open temporary recruiting rendezvous (Orders 87, 7th Cav., 1891.)

The following promotion and appointments have been made in Troop I: Corpl. Walter Keeton to sergeant, Pvt. Adrian Hutchins to corporal, and Pvt. Geo. S. Speer to corporal.

Sergt. August Siefert, Troop K, has been appointed color sergeant.

Corpl. Chas. Engelhart is promoted sergeant and Pvt. Anthony A. Kane corporal in Troop B.

1st Lieut. H. G. Sichel will proceed to Topeka and Lawrence, Kas., and Independence and Sedalia, Mo., for the purpose of inspecting the recruiting rendezvous established at those places (Orders 93, 7th Cav., 1891.)

8th Cavalry, Colonel James S. Brislin.

Hdgra. A, B, C, D, E, I, and K, Ft. Meade, S. D.; L, Ft. Keogh, Mont.; F and G, Ft. Yates, N. D.; H, Ft. Myer, Va.—Indian troop.

1st Lieut. Jos. A. Gaston, adjt., Fort Meade, S. D., will proceed without delay to Jefferson Barracks, Mo., to take charge of and conduct a detachment of recruits for the 8th Cav. to Fort Meade (S. O. 199, Dec. 3, D. Dak.)

1st Lieut. Richard B. Paddock is relieved from duty as J. A. of the G. C. M. at Ft. McKinney, Wyo. (S. O. 133, Dec. 2, D. Platte.)

Leave for fifteen days is granted 2d Lieut. Chas. C. Walcott, Jr. (S. O. 121, Dec. 7, D. Mo.)

The resignation of 1st Lieut. John A. Johnston as Reg. Q. M. is accepted. Subject to the approval of the Secretary of War, 1st Lieut. A. G. Hammond is appointed Reg. Q. M. (Orders 91, Dec. 6, 8th Cav.)

9th Cavalry, Colonel James Biddle.

Hdgra. A, D, E, F, G and I, Ft. Robinson, Neb.; B and H, Ft. Cheyenne, Utah; C, Ft. Leavenworth, Kas.; A, Fort Myer, Va.

The leave granted Capt. Matthias W. Day is extended two days (S. O. 132, Nov. 30, D. Platte.)

1st Artillery, Colonel Loomis L. Langdon.

Hdgra. A, G, I, and K, Ft. Hamilton, N. Y. H.; C, D, and L, Ft. Wadsworth, N. Y. H.; E, Ft. Sheridan, Ill.; B, H, and M, Ft. Columbus, N. Y. H.; F, Ft. Monroe, Va.—Light battery.

Leave for one month, to take effect when 1st Lt. John V. White shall have reported at Fort Wadsworth for duty, is granted 1st Lieut. John Pope, Jr. (S. O. 80, Dec. 7, D. East.)

Leave for one month is granted 2d Lieut. Chas. T. Mencher (S. O. 79, Dec. 4, D. East.)

2nd Artillery, Colonel John Mendenhall.

Hdgra. C, G, and H, Ft. Adams, R. I.; L, Ft. Trumbull, Conn.; E, Ft. Preble, Me.; B and D, Ft. Warren, Mass.; A* and F*, Ft. Riley, Kas.; I, Ft. Monroe, Va.; K and M, Ft. Schuyler, N. Y.—Light battery.

1st Lieut. James E. Eastman will report in person on Dec. 16 to Lieut.-Col. Royal T. Frank, president of the Examining Board at Fort Monroe, Va., for examination as to his fitness for promotion (S. O., Dec. 8, H. Q. A.)

1st Lieut. Louis Ostheim is relieved as J. A. of the G. C. M. at Fort Warren, Mass., during the trial of Pvt. Michael Sullivan, Bat. B, and 2d Lieut. George Montgomery is detailed as J. A. for the trial of that case (S. O. 81, Dec. 9, D. East.)

2d Lieut. Richmond P. Davis will report in person on Dec. 9 to Col. Elwell S. Otis, 20th Inf., president of the G. C. M. to meet on that date at the Army Building in N. Y. City (S. O., Dec. 5, H. Q. A.)

3rd Artillery, Colonel L. R. Livingston.

Hdgra. A, C, E, H, K, and L, Washington Bks., D. C. B, G, and I, Ft. McHenry, Md.; B and M, Ft. Monroe, Va.; F, Ft. Sam Houston, Tex.—Light battery.

The following transfers are made: 2d Lieut. John K. Cree, from Bat. A to B; 2d Lieut. Jas. Hamilton, from Bat. B to A (S. O., Dec. 7, H. Q. A.)

4th Artillery, Colonel Henry W. Closson.
Hdgrs., C. D. K., L. E. G. and I. Ft. McPherson, Ga.; F., Ft. Riley, Kas.; H. Ft. Monroe, Va.; A and M, Ft. Barrancas, Fla.; B, Fort Adams, R. I.—Light battery.

1st Infantry, Colonel William R. Shafter.

Hdgrs., A, B, E, G, and H, Angel Island, Cal.; C and D, Benicia Bks., Cal.; F, Ft. Gaston, Cal.; I, Ft. Bidwell, Cal.—Indian company.

Leave for twenty days is granted 2d Lieut. Frank L. Winn (S. O. 119, Dec. 3, D. Cal.)

3rd Infantry, Colonel Edwin C. Mason.

Hdgrs., A, B, C, D, E, F, G and H, Ft. Snelling, Minn.; I, Ft. Sully, S. D.—Indian company.

Leave for sixteen days, to take effect on or about Dec. 18, is granted 2d Lieut. Frank G. Kalk, Fort Leavenworth, Kas. (S. O. 120, Dec. 3, D. Mo.)

Leave for four months, to take effect about Dec. 15, is granted 1st Lieut. Frank B. McCoy (S. O., Dec. 8, H. Q. A.)

4th Infantry, Colonel William P. Carlin.

Hdgrs., A, D, F, and H, Ft. Sherman, Idaho; B, E, G and I, Ft. Spokane, Wash.; C, Boise Barracks, Idaho.—Indian company.

Capt. Gerhard L. Lohn is detailed as member of the G. C. M. appointed to meet at Fort Sherman, Idaho (S. O. 197, Nov. 28, D. Columbia.)

1st Lieut. E. L. Bailey, having been summoned to appear as witness before the G. C. M. appointed to meet at Fort Sherman, Idaho, Dec. 4, will report to the president of the court at that post on the date named (S. O. 198, Nov. 30, D. Columbia.)

So much of par. 2, S. O. 191, c. a., as directs Col. Wm. P. Carlin to return to his station, Fort Sherman, Idaho, upon the completion of the inspection of Co. C of his regiment, is revoked (S. O. 193, Nov. 24, D. Columbia.)

Capt. Thos. F. Quinn will proceed to Fort Sherman, Idaho, in arrest, not later than Dec. 4, and report to Lieut.-Col. Anson Mills, 4th Cav., president of the G. C. M. there, for trial (S. O. 196, Nov. 27, D. Columbia.)

5th Infantry, Colonel Nathan W. Osborne.

Hdgrs., D and E, St. Francis Bks., Fla.; B and H, Jackson Bks., La.; C and G, Mt. Vernon Bks., Ala.; A, Ft. Leavenworth, Kas.; F, Ft. Sam Houston, Tex.

Leave for thirteen days, to commence about Dec. 22, is granted 1st Lieut. Chas. A. Churchill (S. O. 78, Dec. 2, D. East.)

1st Lieut. Wm. H. C. Bowen, recruiting officer, New Haven, Conn., will visit the following places on recruiting duty: Waterbury, Dec. 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29; Bridgeport, Dec. 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31; Stamford, Dec. 5; Hartford, Dec. 16; New London, Dec. 23 (S. O. 207, Dec. 1, E. Ser.)

2d Lieut. Edward Sigerfoos, now under instruction at Fort Leavenworth, Kas., will, upon being relieved from duty, Dec. 15, report in person to the C. O. Co. A for duty (S. O., Dec. 4, H. Q. A.)

Capt. Ezra P. Ewers will repair to N. Y. City and report for assignment to duty at Davids Island, N. Y. Harbor (S. O., Dec. 7, H. Q. A.)

6th Infantry, Colonel Melville A. Cochran.

Hdgrs., F, and G, Ft. Thomas, Ky.; E, Newport Barracks, Ky.; A, Ft. Wood, N. Y. H.; B and D, Ft. Porter, N. Y.; C, Ft. Ontario, N. Y.; H, Flatburgh Barracks, N. Y.

Leave for two months, to take effect upon being relieved from duty at the Pine Ridge Agency, S. D., is granted Capt. Chas. G. Penney (S. O., Dec. 4, H. Q. A.)

Leave for seventeen days is granted 2d Lieut. Wm. C. Bennett (S. O. 121, Dec. 7, D. Mo.)

7th Infantry, Colonel Henry C. Merriam.

Hdgrs., A, B, C, D, E, and F, Ft. Logan, Colo.; G, Camp Pilot Butte, Wyo.; H, Ft. Leavenworth, Kas.; I, Fort Sill, Ok. T.—Indian company.

Capt. Chas. A. Booth, recruiting officer, Harrisburg, Pa., will proceed to Pottsville, Pa., and establish a temporary branch rendezvous at that place (S. O. 205, Nov. 28, R. Ser.)

Capt. Chas. A. Booth, recruiting officer, Harrisburg, Pa., will visit the temporary branch rendezvous at Pottsville, Pa., Dec. 5, 10 and 15 (S. O. 209, Dec. 3, R. Ser.)

10th Infantry, Colonel Edward P. Pearson.

Hdgrs., B and E, Ft. Stanton, N. M.; A and F, Ft. Leavenworth, Kas.; C, San Diego Bks., Cal.; D and H, Ft. Wingate, N. M.; G, Oklahoma, O. T.; I, Ft. Apache, Ariz.

14th Infantry, Colonel Thomas M. Anderson.
Hdgrs., B, C, D, E, F, and G, Vancouver Bks., Wash.; A and I, Ft. Townsend, Wash.; H, Ft. Leavenworth, Kas.—Indian company.

Capt. Thomas F. Tobey will report in person to Brig.-Gen. August V. Kautz, president of the Army Retiring Board to meet at Vancouver Barracks, Washington, for examination by the Board (S. O., Dec. 4, H. Q. A.)

Leave for sixteen days is granted 2d Lieut. Edw. T. Winston (S. O. 121, Dec. 7, D. Mo.)

The leave granted 1st Lieut. Henry C. Cabell, Jr., is extended one month (S. O., Dec. 9, H. Q. A.)

15th Infantry, Colonel Robert E. Crofton.

Hdgrs., A, B, C, D, E, F, G and H, Ft. Sheridan, Ill.

Leave for sixteen days is granted 2d Lieut. Harold L. Jackson (S. O. 121, Dec. 7, D. Mo.)

17th Infantry, Colonel John S. Poland.

Hdgrs., A, B, C, D, E, F, G, and H, Ft. D. A. Russell, Wyo.

1st Lieut. Daniel H. Brush, recruiting officer, Rochester, N. Y., will proceed to Canandaigua and Lyons, N. Y., and establish temporary branch rendezvous (S. O. 205, Nov. 28, R. Ser.)

Leave for four months on surgeon's certificate, with permission to leave the Dept. Platte, is granted Col. John S. Poland (S. O., Dec. 8, H. Q. A.)

18th Infantry, Colonel Henry M. Laselle.

Hdgrs., A, B, C, D, E, F, G, and H, Ft. Clark, Tex.; E, Fort Arnold, Tex.

1st Lieut. David C. Shanks, adjt., Fort Clark, Tex., will proceed to Davids Island, N. Y. H., at such time as the superintendent of the recruiting service may indicate, to conduct a detachment of recruits for the 18th Inf. to this Dept. (S. O. 113, Dec. 4, D. Tex.)

Capt. Chas. B. Hinton, recruiting officer, Springfield, Mass., will visit the temporary branch rendezvous at North Adams, Mass., Dec. 7, 14, 21 and 28 (S. O. 209, Dec. 3, R. Ser.)

The extension of leave granted Capt. James H. Baldwin is further extended two months on surgeon's certificate (S. O., Dec. 8, H. Q. A.)

19th Infantry, Colonel W. H. Jordan.

Hdgrs., A, E, G, and H, Ft. Wayne, Mich.; B and F, Ft. Brady, Mich.; C and D, Ft. Mackinac, Mich.

Leave for three months and fifteen days is granted 2d Lieut. Wm. T. Wilder (S. O., Dec. 7, H. Q. A.)

21st Infantry, Colonel Horace Jewett.

Hdgrs., A, B, C and E, Ft. Sidney, Neb.; D, Ft. Du Chene, Utah; F, G, and H, Ft. Randall, S. D.

1st Lieut. Chas. M. Truitt, A. D. C., Omaha, Neb., will proceed to Rosebud Agency, S. D., on public business (S. O. 133, Dec. 2, D. Platte.)

Lieut.-Col. Snyder, commanding Columbus Barracks, O., in relieving Capt. C. A. Williams from recruiting duty thereat, places upon record "his high appreciation of the valuable services rendered by Capt. Williams at this depot, particularly in connection with the successful establishment and conduct of the canteen."

22nd Infantry, Colonel Peter T. Sweeney.

Hdgrs., A, B, C, D, E, F, G, and H, Ft. Keogh, Mont.; I, Ft. Yates, N. D.—Indian company.

The rendezvous, 45 Exchange street, Portland, Me., will be discontinued on Nov. 30, and Capt. Wm. H. Kell will transfer the recruiting party, records and public property to Concord, N. H., at which place he will establish a temporary rendezvous (S. O. 284, Nov. 27, R. Ser.)

1st Lieut. John G. Ballance, adjt., is detailed as recruiting officer at Fort Keogh, Mont. (S. O. 198, Dec. 2, D. Dak.)

23rd Infantry, Colonel John J. Coppinger.

Hdgrs., A, E, F, and H, Ft. Sam Houston, Tex.; B and D, Ft. Bliss, Tex.; C and G, Ft. McIntosh, Tex.

The journeys performed by 1st Lieut. Wm. H. Allaire, recruiting officer, from Louisville, Ky., to the temporary branch rendezvous at New Albany, Ind., and return, Nov. 20 and 25, are approved (S. O. 264, Nov. 27, R. Ser.)

1st Lieut. Wm. H. Allaire, recruiting officer, Louisville, Ky., will visit the temporary branch rendezvous at New Albany, Ind., Nov. 30 and Dec. 5, 10 and 15, on duty in connection with the recruiting service, and on completion of the duty will rejoin his station (S. O. 264, Nov. 27, R. Ser.)

24th Infantry, Colonel Zenas R. Bliss.

Hdgrs., A, D, E, and F, Ft. Bayard, N. M.; B, Ft. Thomas, A. T.; C, Ft. Bowie, A. T.; G and H, San Carlos, Ariz.

The C. O. Fort Bayard, N. M., will designate a company of the 24th Inf. to proceed by easy marches to San Carlos, A. T., relieving Co. G (Johnson's), 24th Inf., which will proceed to Fort Bayard for station (S. O. 147, Nov. 30, D. Ariz.)

Capt. Wm. H. W. James, recruiting officer, Knoxville, Tenn., will proceed to Harrison, Tenn., and establish a temporary branch rendezvous at that place, and on completion of this duty will rejoin his station (S. O. 285, Nov. 28, R. Ser.)

Capt. Wm. H. W. James, recruiting officer, Knoxville, Tenn., will visit the temporary branch rendezvous at Harrison, Tenn., Dec. 7, 15, 22 and 29 (S. O. 270, Dec. 4, R. Ser.)

25th Infantry, Colonel George L. Andrews.

Hdgrs., F, G, and H, Ft. Mission, Mont.; A and D, Ft. Custer, Mont.; B, C, and E, Ft. Buford.

1st Lieut. Geo. Andrews will proceed to Fort Assiniboine, Mont., and report in person to Lieut.-Col. John C. Bates, 20th Inf., president of the Examining Board at that post (S. O., Dec. 7, H. Q. A.)

(For Late Army Orders see page 276.)

Appointments, etc., of Commissioned Officers and Retired Enlisted Men, U. S. A., recorded in the A. G. O. during the week ending Dec. 5, 1891.

PROMOTIONS AND ASSIGNMENTS.

Lieut.-Col. Horace Jewett, 3d Inf., to be col. of inf., Dec. 4, 1891, vice Conrad (21st Inf.), deceased—to the 21st Inf.
Major Edward Meade, 1st Inf., to be lieut. col. of inf., Dec. 4, 1891, vice Jewett (3d Inf.), promoted—to the 3d Inf.
Capt. Almon L. Varnes, Ord. Dept., to be major, Nov. 30, 1891, vice McKee, deceased.

Capt. Paul R. Brown, asst. surg., to be surg., with the rank of major, Dec. 3, 1891, vice P. Middleton, retired from active service.

Capt. Chas. Bentzon, 25th Inf., to be major of inf., Dec. 4, 1891, vice Meade (1st Inf.), promoted—to the 1st Inf.

1st Lieut. Ernest A. Garlington, 7th Cav., to be capt. of cav., Dec. 3, 1891, vice Gibson (7th Cav.), retired from active service—to the 7th Cav.

1st Lieut. Edward L. Bailey, 4th Inf., to be capt. of inf., Dec. 4, 1891, vice Keefe (4th Inf.), deceased—to the 4th Inf.
1st Lieut. Robert H. R. Loughborough, 25th Inf., to be capt. of inf., Dec. 4, 1891, vice Bentzon (25th Inf.), promoted—to the 25th Inf.

2d Lieut. John M. Carson, Jr., 5th Cav., to be 1st lieut. of cav., Dec. 3, 1891, vice Garlington (7th Cav.), promoted—to the 7th Cav.

2d Lieut. Everett E. Benjamin, 1st Inf., to be 1st lieut. of inf., Dec. 4, 1891, vice Bailey (4th Inf.), promoted—to the 4th Inf.

2d Lieut. Wm. J. Pardee, 18th Inf., to be 1st lieut. of inf., Dec. 4, 1891, vice Loughborough (25th Inf.), promoted—to the 25th Inf.

TRANSFERS.

1st Lieut. Edwin C. Bullock, from the 4th Cav. to the 7th Cav., Dec. 1, 1891.

1st Lieut. Robert A. Brown, from the 7th Cav. to the 4th Cav., Dec. 1, 1891.

RETIRED FROM ACTIVE SERVICE.

Under section 1261, Revised Statutes.

Major Passmore Middleton, surg., Dec. 3, 1891.

Capt. Francis M. Gibson, Jr., 7th Cav., Dec. 3, 1891.

CASUALTIES.

Col. Joseph S. Conrad, 21st Inf., died Dec. 4, 1891, at Fort Randall, S. D.

Col. Samuel H. Starr (retired), died Nov. 23, 1891, at Philadelphia, Pa.

Major George W. McKee, Ord. Dept., died Nov. 30, 1891, at Frankfort Arsenal, Pa.

Capt. Joseph Keefe, 4th Inf., died Dec. 4, 1891, at Boise Barracks, Idaho.

1st Lieut. Edwin R. Clark (retired), died Nov. 34, 1891, at Lowell, Mass.

Courts-martial.

The following courts have been ordered:

At Fort Sherman, Idaho, Dec. 4, for the trial of Captain Thos. F. Quinn. Detail: Lieut.-Col. Anson Mills, 4th Cav.; Hugh A. Thesker, 14th Inf.; Major Tully McGraw, 5th Art.; John D. Hall, surg.; Geo. M. Randall, 4th Inf.; Capt. Gilbert S. Carpenter, 14th Inf.; Allen Smith, 4th Cav.; Wm. W. Gray, asst. surg.; Benj. K. Roberts, 5th Art.; Cunniff H. Murray, 4th Cav.; Chas. H. Clark, Ord. Dept.; 1st Lieut. Geo. H. G. Gale, 2d Lieut. Lotcher Hardeman, 4th Cav., and Capt. Chas. McClure, Acting Judge Advocate, J. A. (S. O. 198, Nov. 27, D. Columbia.)

At Fort Wadsworth, N. Y. H., Dec. 7. Detail: Captains Henry F. Brewerton, 5th Art.; Curtis R. Price, asst. surg.; Edmund K. Russell, Henry W. Hubbell, 1st Lieut. Robert H. Patterson, Frederick Marsh, 1st Art., and 1st Lieut. John Pope, Jr., 1st Art., J. A. (S. O. 79, Dec. 4, D. East.)

At St. Francis Barracks, Fla., Dec. 15. Detail: Lieut.-Col. Richard H. Jackson, 4th Art.; Major David L. Huntington, surg.; Capt. Wm. Eadie, 4th Art.; 1st Lieut. Jos. M. T. Parshel, Thos. M. DeRose, 5th Inf., and 1st Lieut. Walter H. Chasfield, 5th Inf., J. A. (S. O. 81, Dec. 3, D. East.)

Capt. Will W. Daugherty and 2d Lieut. Wm. M. Swaine, 22d Inf., are relieved from duty as members of the G. C. M. appointed to meet at Fort Keogh, Mont., and Major Wm. H. Powell, 22d Inf.; Capt. Albert G. Forre, 1st Cav.; 2d Lt. Wm. E. Bruce, and 2d Lieut. Thos. M. Moody, 22d Inf., are detailed as members of said court (S. O. 200, Dec. 4, D. Dak.)

Assignments of Officers.

The following assignments to regiments and transfers of officers recently promoted are ordered:

Cavalry. Artillery. Capt. Ernest A. Garlington (promoted from 1st lieut., 7th Cav.), to 7th Cav., Troop M, to date from Dec. 3, 1891, vice Gibson, retired, 1st Lieut. John M. Carson, Jr. (promoted from 2d lieut., 5th Cav.), to 7th Cav., Troop A, to date from Dec. 3, 1891, vice Garlington, promoted.

Infantry. Artillery. Col. Horace Jewett will proceed to join his regiment, Major Chas. Bentzon; will join the station to which he may be assigned. 1st Lieut. Wm. J. Pardee (promoted from 2d lieut., 18th Inf.), to the 25th Inf.; will remain on duty with the 18th Inf. until further orders.

Transfers.—1st Lieut. Chas. McQuiston, from the 1st to the 4th Inf., Co. B, Fort Spokane, Wash.; 1st Lieut. Everett E. Benjamin, from the 4th Inf. to the 1st Inf., Co. K, Angel Island, Cal. (S. O., Dec. 8, H. Q. A.)

Army Boards.

The following officers, having been found by Army Retiring Boards incapacitated for active service on account of disability incident to the service, are retired from active service this date: Major Passmore Middleton, surg.; Capt. Francis M. Gibson, 7th Cav. (S. O., Dec. 4, H. Q. A.)

An Army Retiring Board is appointed to meet from time to time, at the call of the president thereof, at Vancouver Barracks, Washington, for the examination of such officers as may be ordered before it. Detail: Brig.-Gen. August V. Kautz; Lieut.-Col. Hugh A. Thesker, 14th Inf.; Major Thos. Ward, asst. adjt. gen.; Capt. Marcus E. Taylor, asst. surg., and 1st Lieut. Thos. U. Raymond, asst. surg. (S. O., Dec. 4, H. Q. A.)

A Board of Officers, to consist of Lieut.-Col. Francis H. Parker, Ord. Dept.; Major John H. Janeway, surg.; Major Clarence Ewen, surg.; Capt. Chas. C. Morrison, Ord. Dept., and Capt. Wm. B. Gordon, Ord. Dept., is appointed to meet at Watervliet Arsenal, West Troy, N. Y., Jan. 5, for the examination of such lieutenants of the line as may be ordered to appear before it with a view to a selection for transfer to the Ord. Dept. (S. O., Dec. 8, H. Q. A.)

A Board of Officers is appointed to meet at Fort Leavenworth, Kas., Dec. 21, to examine into and report upon the subject of post schools, libraries, reading and amusement rooms and gymnasiums, and to transact such other business as may be referred to it. Detail: Major Jacob Kline, 54th Inf.; Major Camille C. Carr, 8th Cav., and Capt. Hugh G. Brown, 15th Inf. The Board will submit its report to the Adjt. Gen. of the Army (S. O., Dec. 9, H. Q. A.)

Military Academy.

Leave on surgeon's certificate is granted Cadet Thomas B. McDonald, 4th Class, U. S. Military Academy, until June 15, 1892.

DEPARTMENT NEWS.

Dept. of Dakota—Brig. Gen. Wesley Merritt.

A Miles City despatch of Dec. 8 says: The troops at Fort Keogh have been ordered to the Cheyenne Agency, as the reds are dancing in violation of the orders of the agency, and have notified the agent that they intend to make an attack. Much alarm is felt in that section. Danger is feared from roving reds bent on plunder and murder rather than concerted action.

THE THROCKMORTON COURT.

PUNCTUALLY on Wednesday, Dec. 9, the court for the trial of Maj. C. B. Throckmorton, 2d Art., assembled at the Army Building, New York City. Maj. Throckmorton and his counsel and all the official personages connected with the trial were on hand. The composition of the court, heretofore given, in full is: Col. Otis, Closson, Osborne, Bartlett, Cochran, Livingston, Bush, Loder and Bainbridge, Majs. Carey, Middleton, Henry and Wherry, with Col. Barr as Judge Advocate.

Maj. Throckmorton objected to Lieut. Col. Loder, 1st Art., on the ground that he had formed and expressed an opinion against him. Col. Loder admitted this, and the objection was sustained.

Frederic R. Coudert, who with John N. Lewis and Richard H. Savage appeared as the Major's counsel, asked for an adjournment until Dec. 23. He said that three different sets of charges had been prepared, the last of which and the one on which Maj. Throckmorton was to be tried had not been served until last Saturday. Time was therefore needed to prepare a defence. The adjournment asked was granted. Maj. Throckmorton pleaded not guilty.

SAN ANTONIO.

THE Express says:
The series of amusements recently determined upon by the officers at department headquarters and the post to be held during the winter were inaugurated Friday evening by an informal hop. The attendance was quite large, and a most excellent time was enjoyed by all.

Through the courtesy of Gen. Stanley and Col. Coppinger, the 23d Infantry band and a military escort commanded by Lieut. W. C. Short, 8th Cav., attended the funeral services of a deceased Grand Army man in the city yesterday.

Capt. Richard L. Eskridge, 23d Inf., has been designated as assistant dir. marshal at Fort Sam Houston.

Gen. Vincent started on his return trip to Washington Saturday by way of New Orleans.

Lieut. Willard A. Holbrook, 1st Cav., aide-de-camp to Gen. Stanley, is second on the lineal rank list of cavalry officers of his grade, and will receive his promotion to 1st lieutenant this month as a Christmas present.

The ladies' reception and promenade concert at the officers' club rooms on Wednesday was well attended. Present were: Gen. Stanley, Gen. Vincent, Col. Coppinger, Col. and Mrs. Martin, Lieut. and Mrs. Clagett, Miss Clagett, Mrs. Davis, Miss Webster, Lieut. and Mrs. Liggett, Major and Mrs. Burbank, Capt. and Mrs. Hunter, Capt. and Mrs. Manning, Capt. and Mrs. Eskridge, Major and Mrs. Summerhayes, Lieut. and Mrs. Sage, Col. Beaumont, Capt. Chase, Lieut. Thompson, Devore, H. Brooke, Brooke, Crofton, Russell, and others.

Mrs. Cole, daughter of Capt. Eagan, U. S. A., is still very ill at her father's residence, although there has been a very slight improvement in her condition.

(Correspondence of the Army and Navy Journal.)

FORT MCINTOSH, TEXAS.

DECEMBER 3, 1891.

A DETACHMENT of Troop G, 3d Cav., consisting of 35 enlisted men, and commanded by Capt. F. H. Hardie, was called out again Nov. 11, and marched along the Rio Grande towards Fort Hingbold, Texas, to arrest any parties found violating Section 528, R. S., against the internal peace of our sister Republic. Garza was reported to be with his followers near Carriso, a distance of about 60 miles below Laredo, but, as usual, no Garzo could be seen, although a fight between his people and Mexican soldiers was reported to have taken place. As Garzo is well acquainted with the country, and his movements seem almost a puzzle, it is impossible for a detachment to capture any of the revolutionists. To watch the different crossings along the Rio Grande it takes the entire 3d Cav., and this, of course, is impracticable. If it is the intention of our Government to capture those men, more troops—not only detachments of troops—should be placed on the border.

The detachment of the troop returned to this post on Nov. 27, they having spent Thanksgiving day on the march. Private Michael Barrett, Troop G, 3d Cav., who was arrested by Mexican authorities at New Laredo on Nov. 17, and stabbed by Mexican soldiers while in confinement, has been sent to Monterey, Mexico, for trial, but is under treatment at the military hospital there. His case is a peculiar one and has aroused the attention of the United States Government. Capt. Egan, chief commissary officer of the department, who was sent to Monterey in Barrett's case, has returned, but little information could be obtained in regard to the trial. It is claimed that while Barrett was confined at New Laredo he was raising a disturbance with the members of the guard and consequently stabbed.

The post was ordered by Col. Morrow to be thoroughly policed to day.

Adjutant Duran is, during Lieut. Johnson's absence, acting as post quartermaster, and attends to his duties faithfully. Lieut. Johnson has joined the holy bonds of matrimony, and will rejoin with his newly wedded bride from San Antonio about Dec. 15. Mrs. Johnson will undoubtedly receive a hearty reception and will be a most pleasant addition to the small circle of ladies now at the post.

Farrier William Leichte, Troop G, 3d Cav., will be retired shortly, having completed his 30 years service. Preparations for Christmas dinners are already being made by the different companies. All general formations and guard mountings will hereafter be held in full dress uniform. A change in Colonel Morrow's staff is soon expected.

VERITAS.

(Correspondence of the Army and Navy Journal.)

FORT BAYARD, N. M.

NOVEMBER 30, 1891.

The entertainment at the amusement hall last Tuesday and Wednesday nights was quite unique. It was what might be styled a melody. The concert, the literary and the merry-makers had each a part. The music of the orchestra, under the direction of M. Bell, was very fine. The pieces were well chosen and exquisitely rendered. We are proud of our band, first for its talent as musicians, and second for the noble and kindly spirit the members exhibit in being ready to contribute their full share to the happiness of the post. Messrs. Rogers and Flowers, of Central, are fine actors and are completely no novices. The Mobile buck, by Brooks, was excellent. August Flowers, by Matthews Bell, of his own composition, was rendered very beautifully. The talent developed at this entertainment, with its varied bent, points to the advisability of organizing a musical club, under whose auspices entertainments can be in harmony with its aims.

The troops at this post enjoyed a fine Thanksgiving dinner. All military duties, except such as were absolutely necessary, were suspended. Wm. H. Cain and Henry F. F. of F. 24th Inf., gave a grand ball and supper Thursday evening and was, as usual, a social success. About eighty couples attended, the ladies being presented with a beautiful programme. John Holt managed the floor in grand style. JACK.

FORT LEAVENWORTH, KAS.

The Kansas City Times says:

A letter from Chaplain Parker, now at San Diego, shows him to be in very bad health. During the past three years he has had 21 attacks from spinal nervous trouble, and his weight is reduced from 200 pounds to 130 pounds.

On Dec. 9 Mrs. Carr will give a ball in honor of Miss Kelton and Miss Knowles, of Washington.

On the night of Dec. 17 a Martha Washington reception will be given at the hop room by Lieut. and Mrs. Wood in honor of their charming daughter, Miss Genevieve, who will make her debut in society on that evening.

Secretary Eastman, of the Army Co-operative Fire Association, has been informed of three losses by fire: Lieut. Col. Perry, 10th Cav., Ft. Apache, \$50; Chaplain Tully, Fort Wingate, \$40; Lieut. Muir, 17th Inf., Fort Russell, \$25.

Recent additions to membership in the association are Lieut. J. B. Oyster, quartermaster, 1st Art.; Capt. James Regan, 9th Inf., and Lieut. D. A. Fredrick, 7th Inf.

Lieut. Mason, 4th Inf., has returned from Texas.

Capt. L. E. Campbell, Q. M. Department, will make his home for the winter with his family at Creede, Colo., above Wagon Wheel Gap. This point was only established as a post office last summer and is in the vicinity of the captain's mining interests.

Inspector General Vroom, in his annual report, says, concerning the Infantry Cavalry School: "The efficiency of the school would be greatly increased if it were separated as far as possible from the post. A change could, I think, be made to advantage in the manner of selecting officers for instruction. Details of officers for instruction at the school should be made from the Adjutant General's Office and not left to the commanding officers of regiments. It is known that officers have been sent to the school for punishment, for discipline or to bring ridicule upon it. In view of the limited accommodations of the school the details should, as far as practicable, be confined to officers having no families. Of the class of 35 officers to enter in September next 20 are married. The methods of instruction at the school are in the main excellent and have been productive of good results."

(Correspondence of the Army and Navy Journal.)

FORT OMAHA, NEB.

DR. W. G. SPENCER, Asst. Surgeon, U. S. Army, left Fort Omaha early in the week to take charge of medical matters at Fort Robinson, Neb., during the absence of the regular medical officer of the post, Major Adair, who is a witness before the U. S. Court in Omaha this week.

Mrs. J. and Mrs. Worth, 2d Inf., gave an elegant dinner on Thursday evening, Dec. 3, in honor of the guest, Mrs. Stearns, wife of Capt. Stearns, 9th Cav. The guests included: Gen. Brooke, Dr. and Mrs. Hartung, Dr. and Mrs. Spencer, and Mrs. Hicks, sister of Mrs. Spencer.

The last Friday evening hop was enlivened by several guests from Omaha.

(Correspondence of the Army and Navy Journal.)

MOUNT VERNON BARRACKS, ALA.

THE usual proximity of the garrison was rudely broken in upon by the cry of "Fire" and the boom of the alarm gun about 8.15 A. M. on Dec. 1. The fire was found to be in the quarters of Lieut. W. W. Waterspoon, 12th Inf., a small cottage situated just outside of the garrison proper. It must have caught fire in a defective flue, in addition to the original building, and was well under way before the bursting of flames through the roof gave the guard notice of its existence. The garrison turned out with the utmost promptness and worked with a will, and at the same time

with so much coolness that most of the furniture was saved. How closely they did work is well attested by the condition of a large chest of drawers—one end and the front of which were charred black before it was carried out, and the care used was evinced by the fact that of mirrors, frames of pictures, etc., not one was broken, and after the fire was over a coat of Lieut. Waterspoon was restored to him by a soldier, which had in the pockets a considerable sum of money, untouched. It is believed that he had no insurance. Owing to the miserably defective water system at the post it was impossible to get enough water to the fire to be of any service on the burning building. Just across the narrow roadway, not over fifty feet distant, was a small building with shingled roof, used, in default of a better, for storage of ammunition, and which contained, in addition to a quantity of dynamite, the allowance of fixed ammunition for the target season, blank cartridges for the revolve gun, and several half barrels of powder, in all not less than 300 or 400 pounds. Sparks and pieces of burning shingles soon began to fall upon the roof, but a detail of men supplied with buckets kept it wet, while the contents were carried to a place of safety. It was risky business. A spark in one of the opened barrels, which there was no time to "head up," would have "furnished material for a first-class funeral," but the soldiers—white and Indian alike—worked as coolly as if handling non-inflammable material on fatigue duty, though it must be said much more restfully. It is hoped that the report of the fire will cause the "powers that be" to pay some attention to the repeated applications for more and better means for extinguishing fires at the post, and not leave it any longer in its present defenceless condition.

The contract of Dr. Dillon I. Spottawood was annulled some time since, and he has opened an office in Mobile with, as his numerous friends will be happy to learn, good prospects of successful practice. Dr. Spottawood has gone to McPherson, and Drs. Munn and Benham are on duty here.

Advance copies of the new Drill Regulations have been obtained by all the company commanders from the ARMY AND NAVY JOURNAL, and non-com. schools are held daily, and new recruits are instructed in the new order of things as far as can at present be done. Dress parades are held daily when the weather will permit, and the Indian company (12th Inf.) turns out in full strength and uniform for the ceremony. Its members are also being instructed in guard duty, and to further their education in that line are placed on post with "No. 1" of the white troops in front of the guardhouse. Some of them can call "Corporal guard—officer day!" Others, fearful of mistakes or distrustful of their English, stand mute.

Over seventy new houses have been built on high ground northwest of the garrison for the Indian prisoners. New, neat and commodious barracks are used by the soldiers; a new hospital is completed; the children are attending school, and the Indian problem is one step nearer solution.

The post school has a fair attendance and the officers' lyceum has two sessions per week. A new commissary building gives more room than the old, cramped one, and a new bathhouse (a much-needed institution) is rapidly materializing. Any one who thinks that Mount Vernon Barracks is a dead place is invited to come and see.

FORT HUACHUCA.

The Weekly Sentinel has these items:

Maj. J. G. C. Lee, Chief Q. M., and Lieut. C. L. Collins, of Gen. McCook's staff, came here Wednesday. The Major was busy—very moment in inspecting everything in his line, and arranged with Col. D. Rusey and the Q. M. for the improvements and needed repairs at the post.

Arthur S. Leslie, musician of the band, is organizing and will have the charge of a dramatic club that is to give us entertainments at the post this winter.

Col. De Rusey looks constantly after the interests of the enlisted men. He is delighted to see them enjoy themselves, and is doing everything in his power to add to their comfort and furnish them ways and means for all rational amusements.

The ball given by the Lincoln Post of the Regular Army and Navy Union Tuesday night was a grand affair. The numbers spared neither pains nor expense to have it the greatest event of the season.

Capt. Gilbreath delivered a very instructive and interesting lecture to the men in the enlisted men's school last Friday, his subject being the methods of electing the President of the U. S., and declaring the vote.

Lieut. Emery returned from his hunt on Monday, and brought in one deer. He reports a splendid time, and thinks that the south side of the Huachuca is a charming place for an outfit.

Maj. Baker, paymaster, paid the troops at the post Monday. This was his first visit to Huachuca, and he was charmed with the beauties and glories of our situation.

CURIOUS CAVALRY CONTRIVANCE.

CAPT. W. F. PEEL, half pay, late 2d Life Guards, has been devoting himself lately to perfecting a system by which, he maintains, the value of cavalry may be increased. He uses a repeating or magazine rifle which is fixed, by means of a thin metallic girth, beneath the horse, so that the muzzle projects between, and just in advance of, the forelegs. The left or bridle hand only is used in firing, leaving the sword arm perfectly free. In the experiments, which have been carried out in Ireland and elsewhere, the rifle used has been an ordinary Colt's repeater, adapted, in a somewhat crude manner, to embrace the principles of the invention. In all cases both riders and horses were totally untrained, yet the practice at the ranges showed very fair results. It was naturally assumed that the horses would be restive under these new conditions, but it was found that they were not. A remarkable feature was that the weapon, though in such a strange position, in no manner interfered with any of the movements of the horse, even when jumping hurdles. The arm which Capt. Peel proposes ultimately to adopt is Maxim's self-ejecting magazine rifle, fitted with a folding-stock and carrying, say, 10, 20, or more rounds of ammunition, so arranged as to be fired by the rider from the saddle. The elevating and depressing of the rifle will be performed without dismounting. The weapon is so attached as to be readily removable under any conditions, so that it is at once available for use as an ordinary rifle. When in position the breach of the weapon is protected from dust and injury by a cover. A suitable form of bearing rein is provided to prevent the horse lowering his head within range of the rifle.—Army and Navy Gazette.

PATENTS FOR MILITARY INVENTIONS.

A selected list of patents reported especially for the U. S. ARMY AND NAVY JOURNAL, by Munn and Co., Patent Attorneys, 361 Broadway, New York City, all bearing date of Dec. 8, 1891:

Joel G. Justin, Syracuse, N. Y., shell for high explosives, 464,509.

John T. Fisher, Cleveland, O., propulsion of vessels, 464,521.

Henri Schneider, Paris, France, breech-closing mechanism for ordnance, 464,578.

George Rooke, Emporia, Kas. (1), screw propeller, 464,580; (2) propulsion of vessels, 464,582.

Louis Bagger, Washington, D. C., fountain swab for gun barrels, 464,543.

George L. Gowsky, Cincinnati, O., cartridge loading machine, 464,553.

Wm. T. Keel, London, Eng., means for attaching fire arms to cables, 464,585.

John Ambrose, Youngstown, O., torpedo boat, 464,506.

THE NAVY.

BENJAMIN F. TRACY, Secretary of the Navy.
JAMES R. SOLEY, Assistant Secretary of the Navy.

NAVAL VESSELS IN COMMISSION.

WHEN AND WHERE LAST HEARD FROM.

N. Atl. Station.—R-Adm. Bancroft Gherardi
PHILADELPHIA, 1st rate, 12 guns flagship, Capt. Frederick Rodgers. Same as Concord.

CONCORD, 3d rate, 6 guns. Commander O. A. Batcheller. Reported at St. Pierre, Martinique, W. I., Dec. 10.

KEARSARGE, 3d rate, 7 guns, Comdr. H. Elmer. Reported at St. Vincent, W. I., Dec. 10. All well.

MIANTONOMOH, monitor, 3d rate. Capt. Montgomery Sicard. At the Navy-yard, N. Y.

VESUVIUS, 4th rate, 3 guns, dynamite cruiser, Lt. Seaton Schroeder. comdg. At Norfolk, Va.

NEWARK, 1st rate, 12 guns, Capt. Silas Casey. At Norfolk, Va. Has been detached from the Squadron of Evolution and after being overhauled will join N. A. Squadron.

S. Atl. Sta'n.—Act'g R-Admiral J. G. Walker.
Mails for vessels on this station should be addressed to the care of the U. S. Consul, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, or care of B. F. Stevens, 4 Trafalgar Square, London, unless otherwise noted.

CHICAGO, flagship, 1st rate, 14 guns, Capt. J. N. Miller. Has been ordered to South Atlantic Station, and sailed from Fort Monroe, Va., Dec. 9.

ATLANTA, 2d rate, 8 guns, Capt. F. J. Higginson. Has been ordered to South Atlantic Station, and sailed from Fort Monroe, Va., Dec. 10. Capt. Philip was detached on Dec. 8.

BENNINGTON, 3d rate, 6 guns, Commander R. B. Bradford. Has been ordered to South Atlantic Station, and sailed from Fort Monroe, Va., Dec. 9.

TALLAPOOSA, 8d rate, 6 guns, Comdr. James M. Forsyth. At Buenos Ayres at last accounts. To be sold at public auction, and such of her stores as are useful will be transferred to the Essex and the Yantic upon their arrival.

ESSEX, 8d rate, 6 guns, Comdr. A. E. Snow. At Montevideo Sept. 30.

YANTIC, 3d rate, 4 guns. Lieut.-Comdr. Samuel Belden. En route to South Atlantic to relieve the Tallapoosa. Arrived at St. Vincent Nov. 19.

Pacific Station.—Act'g Rear Adm. Geo. Brown.
Address all mail to Navy Pay Office, San Francisco, Cal. unless otherwise noted.

BALTIMORE, 1st rate, 10 guns, Captain W. S. Schley. At Valparaiso, Chili. Will sail this week for San Francisco to have her bottom cleaned.

BOSTON, 2d rate, 8 guns, Captain G. O. Wiltse. Arrived at Montevideo Dec. 3.

INOQUOIS, 3d rate, 7 guns. Comdr. J. J. Read. Arrived at Apia, Samoa, at last accounts.

MOHICAN, 3d rate, 10 guns, Commander C. S. Cotton. At San Francisco, sitting out for cruise, and it is expected will relieve the Iroquois at Samoa.

PENSAOLA, 2d rate, 16 guns, flagship, Captain Albert Kautz. Arrived at Honolulu Sept. 25.

SAN FRANCISCO, 1st rate, 12 guns, flagship, Capt. Wm. T. Sampson. Mare Island. Will be overhauled, cleaned and painted. Will probably sail for Honolulu when repairs are completed.

YORKTOWN, 3d rate, 6 guns. Commander R. D. Evans. Arrived at Valparaiso, Chili, Nov. 23.

Asiatic Station.—Rear Admiral G. E. Belknap.
Mails should be addressed, Yokohama, Japan, unless otherwise noted.

Rear Admiral D. B. Harmony ordered to command.

ALERT, 3d rate, 4 guns, Comdr. R. D. Hitchcock. Arrived at Shanghai Oct. 17.

ALLIANCE, 3d rate, 6 guns, Commander Felix McCurley. At Shanghai at last accounts.

LANCASTER, 2d rate, 10 guns, flagship, Capt. H. B. Seely. En route for Hong Kong, China. Arrived at Batavia Dec. 8. Mail should be addressed care B. F. Stevens, 4 Trafalgar Square, London, Eng., until further notice.

CHARLESTON, 2d rate, 10 guns, Capt. G. C. Remey. Left Yokohama, Japan, for San Francisco, via Honolulu, Nov. 17.

MONOCACY, Comdr. F. M. Barber, 3d rate 6 guns. Arrived at Shanghai Oct. 17.

MARION, flagship, 3d rate, 8 guns. Comdr. J. R. Bartlett. At Yokohama Nov. 18. Admiral Belknap hoisted his flag aboard on Nov. 16.

PALOS, 4th rate, 7 howitzers. Lieut. Comdr. J. C. Rich. Shanghai, Nov. 18.

PETREL, 4th rate, 4 guns. Lieut.-Comdr. M. R. C. Mackenzie. Arrived at Gibraltar Dec. 7. En route to the Asiatic Station via Suez Canal.

Apprentice Training Squadron.

JAMESTOWN, 12 guns, Comdr. C. F. Goodrich. Arrived at Norfolk Dec. 8.

PORTSMOUTH, 12 guns, Comdr. C. D. Sigbee. At Norfolk, Va.

RICHMOND, 2d rate, 14 guns. Capt. F. M. Bunce. At Newport, R. I. (Receiving ship for boys).

MINNESOTA, 19 guns. Receiving ship for boys. Capt. E. E. Potter. At dock foot of West 50th street N. Y. City.

MONONGAHELA, Comdr. J. H. Sands. Was ordered to Hampton Roads, Va. Expects to arrive about Jan. 5. Address Old Point Comfort, Va. Left Gibraltar for Barbadoes Dec. 6.

VARIOUS NAVAL ITEMS.

THE Secretary of the Navy has accepted the proposition of George W. Quintard, of New York, and Charles H. Allen and Harrison Loring, Jr., of Boston, assignees of Harrison Loring, contractor, for the construction of Cruiser No. 11 and Gunboats Nos. 1, 2 and 3, to complete the work on those vessels in accordance with the terms of the original contract with Mr. Loring.

THE manuscript for the new Navy Register is practically complete, and will soon be in the hands of the type-setters.

THE German Navy estimates for 1892-3 provide for an increase in that arm of the service which will eventually more than double its effective strength.

ORDERS have been given for the sale of the *Sappho*, the last wooden warship on the effective list of the British Navy, a vessel built but 16 years ago. They still have the wooden *Dart*, a surveying vessel, purchased by the Admiralty. The last of our wooden vessels will soon be stricken from the list.

THE British Admiralty has selected the armored cruiser *Blake* as flagship of Admiral Hopkins, who will relieve Vice Adm. Sir George W. Watson in the command of the North Atlantic Squadron. It is stated that two cruisers having a speed of 20 knots an hour will be put on the Newfoundland fishery service next season.

THE Pilot Chart of the North Atlantic Ocean for December, published by the Hydrographic Office, Navy Department, Washington, D. C., gives the Transatlantic steamship routes, tracks for New York and Boston Steamers, Dangerous Obstacles Along the Coast, Storms in the North Atlantic, Forecast for December, Review of November, etc.

IN the British Navy during the quarter ending September last two lieutenants, one captain (R. M. L. L.), two surgeons, one chief engineer, two gunners, six boatswains, and one senior mate of the coast guard have been tried by court-martial. It is to be noted that 13 of that number have been put on trial in consequence of making too free with intoxicating liquors.

A DESPATCH from Valparaiso says: The cabled resume of the report of Secretary Tracy regarding the killing of the *Baltimore's* sailors has created a sensation here, and is looked upon as indicating that the American Government intends to pursue the claim for apology and indemnity. The message of the American President is awaited. Americans here are highly pleased with Tracy's report. The Chileans show no disposition to insult Americans.

THE departure of the *Baltimore* from Valparaiso for San Francisco has been delayed on account of the investigation being made by the Chilean authorities of the assault on her sailors. The intention was to have come North immediately upon the arrival of the *Yorktown* at Valparaiso, but orders to that effect have been delayed because some of the sailors have not yet given their testimony. The prospects of her officers and men eating their Christmas dinner in home waters are decidedly slim.

WE have several letters on the subject of the Phytian Naval Board on hand, and shall publish all we receive. The subject is most important and should be thoroughly discussed by naval officers. Every communication adds its quota to the formation of public opinion in and out of the Navy. It is too obvious to be questioned that something must be done for the personnel of the Navy, and whatever the changes decided upon, they should be made at once that we may have the full benefit of them in reconstructing our Navy.

THE Squadron of Evolution, comprising the *Chicago*, *Atlanta* and *Bennington*, are now en route to the South Atlantic station, the two vessels first named having sailed from Fort Monroe on Dec. 9, and the latter on the following day. The orders under which they are proceeding southward direct Acting Rear Admiral Walker to assume temporary command of the South Atlantic station upon his arrival within the limit of the station. His arrival there will end the career of the Squadron of Evolution, for although it is not expected that Acting Rear Admiral Walker will remain in Southern waters for many months, the White Squadron will probably not be re-established upon his return to the United States. There will be but one squadron in home waters hereafter.

THE assignment of prospective commanders of new vessels as inspectors, pending their completion and fitting out, has become a fixed policy with the Navy Department. The plan was inaugurated with the assignment of Lieut.-Comdr. Morrison as chief inspector of the *Detroit*, building at Baltimore. Comdr. C. H. Davis, who will command her sister ship, the *Montgomery*, just named and launched, will receive orders in a few days to superintend her completion. Capt. John W. Philip has been selected for the command of the protected cruiser *New York*. He was detached on Tuesday last from the command of the *Atlanta* in order that he may be assigned to duty in connection with the fitting out of the new cruiser. He will report at the works of the Messrs. Cramps in a few days.

AN officer of the *San Francisco* is quoted as saying: "There had been much talk about Chili's inability to strike heavy blows in case of a war with the United States. The officer said that in the capture of Valparaiso the Congressionalists' squadron played no part worthy of mention. The *Esmeralda*, *Cochrane*, *Aconcagua* and *O'Higgins* were all armed with heavy Armstrong rifles, but did not attempt to engage Forts Pratt and Callao at the entrance of the harbor, but kept well out of range. At Iquique they kept five miles out to sea and not a shell fell in the town. He never saw such poor gunnery before. At 2,000 yards he saw the *Cochrane* keep up a fire and not a shell struck the fort—which, by the way, is a very extensive work and offers a large target. When the four Congressional vessels were firing at Fort Callao the fort was struck half a dozen times only out of over 300 shots."

NAVY GAZETTE.

Ordered.

DEC. 7.—Lieutenant Richard T. Mulligan, to duty in the Bureau of Navigation.

DEC. 8.—Captain F. J. Higginson, to command the *Atlanta*.

Lieutenant W. S. Cowles, to special duty Navy Department.

DEC. 10.—Captain John W. Philip, to duty as supervising inspector of the construction of the cruiser *New York*, building at the Cramps' ship-building establishment.

Lieut. T. B. M. Mason, to duty as assistant to the supervising inspector of the cruiser *New York*.

DEC. 11.—Commander Charles H. Davis, to duty as supervising inspector of cruiser *Montgomery*, building at Baltimore, in addition to his other duties as chief intelligence officer.

Detached.

DEC. 7.—Sailmaker Frank Watson, from the Navy-yard, League Island, and ordered to the receiving ship *St. Louis*.

DEC. 8.—Captain J. W. Philip, from the command of the *Atlanta* and placed on waiting orders.

Lieutenant-Commander W. H. Webb, from the *Tallapoosa*, upon the arrival of the *Atlanta* on the South Atlantic station, and ordered as executive of the latter vessel.

Lieutenant-Commander H. G. O. Colby, from temporary duty at the Navy Department and ordered as assistant to the Inspector of the 2d Light House District.

Lieutenant T. B. M. Mason, from the *Atlanta* and placed on waiting orders.

Assistant Surgeon Lewis Morris, from the Navy-yard, League Island, and ordered to the receiving ship *St. Louis*.

Assistant Surgeon H. N. T. Harris, from the receiving ship *St. Louis* and ordered to the Navy-yard, League Island.

Promotions.

DEC. 7.—Surgeon Wm. H. Jones, to be medical inspector, from Nov. 14.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Frank Anderson, to be surgeon, from Nov. 14.

Retired.

DEC. 7.—Surgeon Theodore C. Heyl, from Dec. 3.

REVENUE MARINE SERVICE.

Capt. L. G. Shepard, Act'g Chief Rev. Marine Division.

THE death of Capt. J. H. Parker leaves vacancies for the promotion of 1st Lieut. Robert Barstow to be captain; 2d Lieut. F. G. T. Wadsworth to be 1st lieutenant; 3d Lieut. A. J. Henderson to be 2d lieutenant.

The very satisfactory rate of promotion that has taken place in the lower grades of the line of the Revenue Marine is in striking contrast to the "snail's pace" at which the Engr. Corps has advanced. 3d Lieut. Henderson, whose promotion is due, was ninth on the list of cadets but three years ago, while the head of the 2d assistant engineers has been in his present grade over 12 years. There are many 1st lieutenants and even captains in the service who entered long after many of the assistant engineers.

Capt. Frank Barr has been ordered to the command of the revenue cutter *Hamilton*, her former commander, Captain H. T. Blake, having been placed on "waiting orders."

3d Lieut. Alex. R. Hanson has been detached from the *Dexter* and ordered to the *Gallatin*.

The *Dexter* has been at the Old Colony Works, at Newport, for the past few days, getting a new smoke-stack, and painting and overhauling preparatory to "winter cruising."

The New York Chamber of Commerce, the Business Men's Association of Newport, R. I., and the Board of Trade of New London, Conn., have recently passed resolutions strongly urging the transfer of the Revenue Marine to the Navy.

There are now 13 vacancies in the grade of 2d lieutenant.

1st Lieut. J. B. Butt, from the *Johnson* and placed on waiting orders.

2d Lieut. B. L. Reed, from the *Johnson* and granted leave of absence.

3d Lieut. F. J. Hsaka, from the *Johnson* and granted 30 days' leave.

2d Asst. Engr. H. W. Spear, from the *Johnson* to the *Gallatin*.

1st Lieut. W. J. Herring and 2d Lieut. K. W. Perry, detached from *Perry* and placed on waiting orders.

3d Lieut. C. H. Cochran, from the *Perry* and granted leave for 30 days.

1st Asst. Engr. Willett Pedrick, detached from the *Perry* and assigned to the *Hamilton*.

1st Lieut. W. C. De Hart and 3d Lieut. S. R. Winram, Jr., detached from the *Fessenden* and placed on waiting orders.

2d Lieut. W. G. Ross, detached from the *Fessenden* and ordered to report to the Treasury Department for special duty.

1st Asst. Engr. W. H. Warren, detached from the *Fessenden* and assigned to the *Dexter*.

1st Asst. Engr. H. C. Whitworth, relieved from special duty and ordered to special duty on the launch *Pearose* at Pensacola.

3d Lieut. A. R. Hanson, relieved from the *Dexter* and assigned to the *Gallatin*.

The death of Capt. J. Hatch Parker, which occurred at Castine, Me., Dec. 2, of consumption, has been reported to the Treasury Department.

Chief Engr. John W. Collins, U. S. R. M., and P. A. Engr. W. M. McFarland, U. S. N., are at present busily engaged at the Treasury Department on the new rules proposed at the Marine conference for steam inspection. The statement that the latter officer was engaged with Mr. Collins on machinery designs is erroneous.

The death of Capt. J. Hatch Parker promotes 1st Lieut. A. P. Littlefield, 2d Lieut. F. G. T. Wadsworth and 3d Lieut. A. J. Henderson. 1st Lieut. Barstow, who is still retained at the head of the 1st lieutenants' list, owing to his being in command of the revenue boat *Guthrie*, at Baltimore, was found by the recent Examining Board physically disqualified. Both Lieut. Littlefield and Barstow have most excellent war records. Lt. Barstow was on several occasions wounded during the period from 1861-65. It has been contended all along that he should have been placed upon the retired list of the Navy. Lt. Littlefield served during the war aboard the *Mammoth*, State of Georgia, the monitor *Saugum*, the *Entaw*, and commanded at the close of the war the *Western World*.

Lt. John Wyckoff, of the Revenue Marine Service, is dangerously ill at his home 935 Kent ave., Brooklyn, N. Y. He has been granted 30 days' sick leave from the *Seward* at Mobile. He was very sick three weeks in the Marine Hospital at Mobile, and made a desperate effort to travel home when he was too far gone to do so with safety. His doctor said it was a mercy that he arrived at home alive. He is now very low, indeed, and not expected to last much longer.

Correspondence of the Army and Navy Journal.

U. S. NAVAL ACADEMY.

ANNAPOLIS, MD., Dec. 6, 1891.

WINTER appears to be upon us, and the Academy has settled down into a quiet, which is all the more marked after the excitement of last Saturday's game. The stands and benches which surrounded the football field were all removed early Monday morning, so that there is now nothing left to mark the spot of the great contest, except some half-effaced lines and the goal posts, which stand outlined against the wintry sky.

The old steamer *Wyoming*, which has so long been used for seamanship drills, left here on Wednesday afternoon in tow of the *Stoddard*, bound for Norfolk, where she will be turned over to the station there. Lieut. C. A. Gove was in command, and had under him a detail of men from the *Santee*. After leaving the *Wyoming* they will return to Annapolis on the *Stoddard*.

The Officers' Dramatic Association is very busy rehearsing a play which is to be staged in two or three weeks' time. Mrs. Lieut. Smith, Miss Craig, P. A. Engr. Denig and Ensign Evans are among those in the cast.

Lieut. Knapp and Ensign Gibbons acted as ushers at the wedding of Ensign Poyer in Harrisburg on Tuesday last.

Commo. Ramsay has been the guest of Comdr. and Mrs. Craig for the last few days, and on Friday evening Mrs. Craig gave an informal reception in his honor, at which nearly all the officers of the Yard were present. On Saturday morning the drill was "Battalion of Infantry," as Commo. Ramsay wanted to see the working of the new tactics.

Indoor drills began last week; they are fencing, steam drills, rigging loft work, gymnastics, dancing, broad swords and great gun drill. The old great gun drill on the *Santee* has been abandoned, and drill with a modern gun in the gunhouse near the gymnasium has been substituted in its place.

Quite a number of cadets availed themselves of the permission to bring ladies for an hour's dancing at the conclusion of the "stag" hop in the boat-house on Saturday evening. Among those present were Mrs. and Miss Schenck, Lieut. and Mrs. Halsey, Miss Brewster, Lieut. and Mrs. Fulham, Miss Wickes, the Misses McCoy, Miss Chew, Miss Bryan, Miss Craig, Miss Casey, Miss Todd, the Misses Phythian, Miss Terry, Lieut. Knapp, Ensign Evans, and Prof. Hicks and Whittier, of St. John's College.

A recent order of the Superintendent prohibits dancing during the playing of the national air at the conclusion of the hops.

Surg. H. G. Beyer, U. S. N., was very anxious to compute exhaustive tables, showing the relative strength of the two football teams. He succeeded very well with the Naval Cadets, but was unable to find out very much about the West Point team. Their ages were:

Symington.....	19	Prince.....	24
Beuret.....	20	Smith.....	22
Pearson.....	21	Clarke.....	22
Holsinger.....	21	Adams.....	25
Trench.....	21	Gleason.....	24
Macklin.....	20	Houle.....	23
Ferguson.....	18	Moore.....	25
Bagley.....	17	Walker.....	24
Hasbrouck.....	20	Timberlake.....	22
Johnson.....	20	Davison.....	22
Webster.....	18	McChie.....	21

Average age..... 19.5 Average age..... 22.8

AN INTERNATIONAL EPISODE.

THE N. Y. Times tells this story:

"Some time since, perhaps 18 months ago, her Britannic Majesty's ship *Pylades*, attached to the British North Atlantic Squadron, a vessel of about the same size as our own *Kearsarge*, came into New York Harbor and cast anchor.

"After the regulation official calls had been made by her commanding officer on the United States military and naval authorities, a delegation of Army officers, gayly appareled, went off to the *Pylades* to call upon her captain and officers. They were courteously received, and, with high opinions of the politeness of their British cousins, returned to their post at Governor's Island. The next day passed, and the next, and still another, and there was no sign of the appearance of a British delegation to return the call. Finally the *Pylades* sailed away, and the call was unreturned.

"The action of the Britishers was discourteous and rude in the extreme, and the Americans determined to resent it. A report of the circumstances was drawn up and duly signed by the officers concerned. It was presented to the General then in command at Governor's Island, and was by him sent to the War Department. Thence it went with accumulated evidence affixed to the Secretary of State, and was by him forwarded to the British Minister here and then to the Admiralty at London.

"The Naval Lords were astonished, and they arose and set down very hard upon the captain of the *Pylades*, and all the way back through the lines of the tape that is red to the British Minister at Washington, to the Departments of State and War, and so on to the indignant officers at Governor's Island they sent a message of apology for the rudeness of their officers and promise of reparation.

"The *Pylades* was by this time far away and not available; so down the coast from Halifax came another of her Majesty's ships, the *Tourmaline*. She entered New York and without delay a delegation of her officers appeared at Governor's Island, apologized for the rudeness of their comrades, and returned the call. What made the discourtesy of the *Pylades's* officers more marked is a fact not generally known—that confidential instructions were issued by the Admiralty somewhere about 1884 enjoining upon all British naval officers that they should be particularly careful in all their relations with Americans, and especially polite to United States naval officers. When the United States ship *Marion* went to the China station in the spring of 1885, when Russia and England were at daggers drawn over the subject of the Afghan frontier, and the world stood by expecting every day to see them at each other's throats, the *Marion* was received at the English ports on the Red Sea and in India with a hospitality and kindness that astonished all her officers. The *Essex* followed the *Marion* some months later, bound also to Asia. Her captain, Comdr. T. F. Jewell, now in charge of the torpedo station at Newport, was so impressed by the attentions showered upon his ship by the British officials, civil, military and naval, that he made the matter the subject of a special report to the Navy Department. These are only two of many such cases, and they make the *Pylades* incident seem much more remarkable."

AN order must contain all that (and nothing else) which a subordinate cannot himself direct to be done in order to carry out the intended object. It must, therefore, be short, clear, and precise, and must be capable of execution by the recipient. Care must be taken not to go into details in orders which will take any considerable time in transmission, during which time the situation may change. And the same rule holds good when it may be necessary to carry out an order under circumstances which the giver of the order cannot forecast. A general instruction (*Directive*) is then all that is required. Orders which extend over long periods of time and enter into details are seldom fully carried out.—German Field Service Manual (*Felddienst-Ordnung*).

The conditions of success are attainable and capable of demonstration; *—the preparation of study and thought is essential to skill in war, and *—being thus prepared, a leader in order to achieve the most notable successes, need not be gifted with inspiration, but only with the more appreciable, though still rare, combination of sound sense, clear insight, and resolution.—Hauke.

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This week's despatches from China settle the
point we mentioned last week as to the armament
of the rebels. Some of the Imperial troops in Man-
churia deserted and formed a part of the insurgent
force. Probably the arms of these deserters were
about all the rebels had of effective weapons. The
scene of the conflict is fixed definitely, and it is not
in Mongolia, but in Manchuria, near the boundary
of these two divisions of the Empire. The battle
took place near Chao Yang, a town near the head
of the Gulf of Liantung. All the other localities
mentioned in the late despatches seem to be in Man-
churia. At first there was great doubt, for Jehu,
near which place the massacre of nuns is said to
have taken place, is the name of the Capital of
Eastern Mongolia. Jehu means Hot Spring, and
several localities, both in Mongolia and Manchuria,
bear this name. There are nuns in Manchuria but
none in Mongolia, and all these facts confirm the
information we gave last week in locating the new
rebellion in the Shing King province. An excellent
account of the battle has been telegraphed, which
depicts a struggle fought entirely "in foreign style,"
at least on the part of the Imperial troops. Such
official reports are to be received with extreme
caution.

We are informed that there has been such a
pressure for assignment to the post of Fort Myer
that it has been substantially decided to postpone
any selection until next spring. The idea of detail-
ing an Indian troop to this section has, as we stated
last week, been abandoned for the present, but it is
quite probable that one will be selected later on,
as there is a desire to show our members of Con-
gress what excellent soldiers the Indian recruits
are making.

Among the strange fatalities of the year there are
none more noteworthy than those surrounding the
colonelcy of the 21st Infantry. In less than a year
this regiment has suffered the loss of three colonels
—Morrow, O'Beirne and Conrad. We trust that the
fated three break the spell, and that Colonel Jewett
will continue in command until his retirement,
March 31, 1892.

"EFFICIENCY REPORTS" will be in order again early
next month, as the War Department desires to have
on hand for any emergency a careful resume of the
physical and professional condition of each and
every officer of the Army.

In connection with our article of last week on the
new Drill Regulations, it may be well to say that
the new infantry drill for the Navy is the Army
drill modified in a few details to meet the require-
ments of naval brigades. The tactical movements
are those laid down in the new Army drill. The
same statement applies to features embracing the
"manual," "the School of the Soldier," the "Com-
pany," and the "Battalion." The battle formation,
the fire work and skirmish drill are all features of
the new Army text-book. This being the case, the
recent successful working of the battalion of cadets
at Annapolis in the new tactics should be of general
interest to military men. The Navy drill has had
introduced into it many features and exercises not
possessed by the new Army drill. The Board, of
which Commander Charles M. Thomas was presi-
dent, adopted a special setting-up exercise, a new
bayonet drill, and a street riot formation. The
adoption of these new features has not, however,
affected the general workings of the drill itself. So
far as can be observed from the work of the Naval
Academy battalion, the new drill has everything to
commend it. As was stated last week in these
columns, whatever changes were made will be
changes in phraseology, tending to remove al-
l ambiguity of meaning. Such changes will appear
in special orders, making it mandatory to take up
the "trail" from an "order" at the order "march,"
and various other details of kindred nature. For
mobility of action, freedom of movement, and gen-
eral practicability, the new drill, whether intended
for land or naval forces, supplies a long-felt want.

THE resignation of Secretary of War Proctor,
which is dated Nov. 3, has been formally accepted.
The letter of resignation says: "Having been ap-
pointed a Senator from Vermont, I tender my resi-
gnation as Secretary of War, to take effect at such
date prior to the meeting of Congress as may suit
your wishes. You have shown me more than the
ordinary measure of kindness and confidence, and I
shall relinquish my present official duties under you
with great regret. It will always be for me a source
of gratification and pride that I have thus been con-
nected with your administration, and likewise of
pleasure to recall the friendly and intimate personal
relations with yourself and my associates in your
Cabinet." In accepting the resignation the Presi-
dent says: "In severing our official relations it gives
me great pleasure to remember that they have been
unclouded by anything approaching disagreement
or distrust. You have had my full confidence, and
your discharge of official duty my full approbation.
I am glad to know that your public service is not
terminated, but only transferred to another, and I
hope higher, field of usefulness."

COLONEL W. M. GRAHAM, 5th Artillery, has made
the mistake of publishing a letter denying the truth
of our statement that G. O. No. 88, amending the
Regulations, was issued in consequence of his action
in placing Capt. Zalinski under arrest for appearing
in citizen's dress. This is a matter we leave Col.
Graham to settle with the War Department. Papers
on file there show beyond a shadow of doubt that
our statement was strictly correct. It was made
without the slightest prejudice against Col. Graham
and simply as a matter of information, and there
was nothing in our paragraph that justifies Col.
Graham's complaint. We did not say that we con-
sidered his action unnecessarily severe, for we had
no information as to that. We did say that the War
Department thought it so and took action accord-
ingly. That statement we repeat.

A LARGE batch of Army nominations comprising
all the appointments, promotions and transfers
made from March 4 to Dec. 7—about 300 in all—are
now on the President's desk ready for transmittal to
the Senate. They embrace all the appointments
that are due except one chaplain, one lieutenant of
ordnance and twelve assistant-surgeons, and clear
up all the promotions in the line, leaving 21 vacan-
cies in the grade of 2d lieutenant—four in cavalry, one
artillery and 16 infantry.

THE daily papers have been giving this week much
attention to the affairs of Major Lewis C. Overman,
Corps of Engineers, U. S. A., who has been ordered
to Fort McHenry to await the result of an investi-
gation of his accounts while on duty in charge of
public works at Cleveland, O. There is an apparent
shortage of something less of \$400 and it is expected
that Major Overman will be able to give a satisfac-
tory explanation of the seeming deficiency. He is
succeeded at Cleveland by Capt. Thomas Turtle.

THE Emperor of Germany, in addressing some recruits at Potsdam who had just taken the oath of allegiance, is reported as having said: "You have my children, sworn allegiance. That means that you have given yourselves to me, body and soul. You have only one enemy. That is my enemy. In the present socialist agitation I may order you, which God forbid, to shoot down your relatives—your brothers, even your parents—and you must obey without a murmur." A correspondent writes: "This talk illustrates one of the weak traits of William's character. What he said was undoubtedly correct. He did not exaggerate in the least the obligations these young men were taking on themselves in joining the colors. The trouble was, the remark was offensively gratuitous. It has angered all radical Germany and filled the conservative middle class with doubts."

Our issue of the Infantry Drill Regulations is delayed until another week by corrections made in the text of the copy as set by the Government printer. None of them are of especial importance, with the exception of one noted elsewhere, but they are essential to complete accuracy. This must be our apology to those who have sent us advance orders. We are printing a large edition, and shall be able as soon as we begin to supply all orders without delay.

A SHIFTING around of important commands under the Ordnance Department will soon occur. Three of the five largest arsenals are now under the temporary charge of junior officers—Rock Island, Ill.; Watertown, N. Y., and Frankford, Pa. A colonel will probably be assigned to Rock Island and a lieutenant colonel to each of the other two.

We have received official notice of an error just discovered in Drill Regulations as authorized by the War Department. Par. 538 should read as follows: "538. The fire at will and the fire with counted cartridges are used at distances ranging from 800 to 400 yards (not 300 to 400 yards.)"

THE list of Navy nominations to be sent to the Senate next week comprises about 90 names and embrace all the changes that are due, except the professorship of mathematics, quartermastership in the Marine Corps and several assistant surgeonships.

THE Army Register for 1892 has been put in type and the work of proof reading is now in full progress. It will be ready for issue early in January.

We have received a copy of the following circular letter:

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 12, 1891.

At a meeting of the Line Officers' Association held in Washington on Oct. 31, 1891, the following named officers were elected to serve as a committee of the association for the ensuing year: Capt. H. L. Howison, U. S. N. (declines to serve); Comdr. Henry Glass and W. H. Brownson, U. S. N.; Lieut. Comdr. Frank Curtis and J. N. Hemphill, U. S. N.; Lieut. C. A. Bradbury, G. H. Peters, T. S. Rodgers and John J. Knapp, U. S. N.; Ensigns J. J. Blandin and Marbury Johnston, U. S. N.

After discussion the following resolutions were adopted:

1. Resolved, "That it be the sense of this meeting that the Line Officers' Committee support a bill drafted on the general basis of the 'Phythian report' (provided such a bill be endorsed by the Secretary of the Navy), but that the committee be left entirely free to use its own judgment in the manner of such support."

2. Resolved, "That the committee of the Line Officers' Association shall take no action on the report of the Phythian Board without first consulting the line officers of the Navy."

The committee is desirous of learning the sentiments of the line officers of the Navy.

1st. As to their intention to subscribe to the fund of and support the Line Officers' Association.

2d. As to the opinion of those who will so subscribe, for or against a bill drawn on the basis indicated by the report of the Phythian Board.

The committee has taken the liberty of selecting you to interview the line officers attached to your vessel, and requests your personal efforts to obtain and forward the information indicated, in order that the committee may feel that it fully represents the association.

By order of the committee,

JOHN J. KNAPP, Lieut. U. S. N., Secretary,
No. 1,729 F street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

As the Secretary of the Navy has not approved of the Phythian bill as it stands the action of the line officers' committee concerning it is left in doubt.

ORDNANCE NOTES.

Mr. Louis Brennan has just received \$50,000 from the British Admiralty, being the last instalment of the extravagant price, \$550,000, which the Government was so unfortunate as to pay for the torpedo which bears his name.—*London Truth*.

"Me name is Paddy Doolan, of the Royal Irish Foot.

"And me heart is broke entirely wid larnin' how to shoot.

"Olive troled it standin', tyin' down, and knalin' on me knee.

"But I ne'er could get an outhor, nor ain a rack-shay!"

The official trial of the pneumatic disappearing gun carriage has been postponed until early in January. A private test was had at Sandy Hook this week with very good results, barring several minor accidents.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

THE optimists who hold that we need no naval or military establishments would do well to read the report of the Secretary of the Navy, and the remarks in the President's message on foreign affairs. These show that within the past year differences have arisen between us and at least four foreign powers, Great Britain, Italy, Spain and Chili. The differences concerning the Bering Sea fisheries are to be referred to arbitration, and our course with reference to Italy's complaints of a violation of international obligations promises to bring about a good understanding with the noble nation towards whom we entertain only sentiments of friendship and good will. The proverbial procrastination of Spain in granting redress for grievances has led to some urgency on our part with reference to the fulfilment of her obligations touching the rights of American citizens.

With Chili our difference is more serious, because the attitude of her Government and people toward us has been, and apparently still is, a hostile one. President Harrison tells the familiar story of our grievances, and makes a significant suggestion as to the course our Government proposes to follow with reference to Chili. He says:

I am quite sure that President Montt, who has, under circumstances of promise for the peace of Chili, been installed as President of that Republic, will not desire that, in the unfortunate event of any revolt against his authority, the policy of this Government should be other than that which we have recently observed. No official complaint of the conduct of our minister or of our naval officers during the struggle has been presented to this Government; and it is a matter of regret that so many of our own people should have given ear to unofficial charges and complaints that manifestly had their origin in rival interests and in a wish to pervert the relations of the United States and Chili.

It is believed that the Government of Chili is not in a position, in view of the precedents with which it has been connected, to broadly deny the right of asylum, and the correspondence thus far has not presented any such denial. The treatment of our Minister for a time was such as to call for a decided protest, and it was very gratifying to observe that unfriendly measures, which were undoubtedly the result of the prevailing excitement, were at once rescinded or suitably relaxed.

After describing the attack upon the sailors of the U. S. S. *Baltimore*, the President says:

So far as I have yet been able to learn no other explanation of this bloody work has been suggested than that it had its origin in hostility to these men as sailors of the United States, wearing the uniform of their Government, and not in any individual act or personal animosity. The attention of the Chilean Government was at once called to this affair, and a statement of the facts obtained by the investigation we had conducted was submitted, accompanied by a request to be advised of any other or qualifying facts in the possession of the Chilean Government that might tend to relieve this affair of the appearance of an insult to this Government. The Chilean Government was also advised that if such qualifying facts did not exist, this Government would confidently expect full and prompt reparation.

It is to be regretted that the reply of the Secretary for Foreign Affairs of the Provisional Government was couched in an offensive tone. To this no response has been made. This Government is now awaiting the result of an investigation which has been conducted by the criminal court at Valparaiso. It is reported unofficially that the investigation is about completed, and it is expected that the result will soon be communicated to this Government, together with some adequate and satisfactory response to the note by which the attention of Chili was called to this incident. If these just expectations should be disappointed, or further needless delay intervene, I will, by a special message, bring this matter again to the attention of Congress for such action as may be necessary. The entire correspondence with the Government of Chili will, at an early day, be submitted to Congress.

We may have to add China to our list of foreign complications, and perhaps Russia, if the Czar does not take kindly to the American President's admonitions on the subject of the extradition of the Hebrews.

The President recommends the Nicaragua Canal to the favor of Congress, and proposes that the Government should loan its credit to the company and obtain control of the canal. This is a wise recommendation.

Our imports during the year were, in spite of the McKinley bill, the largest of any year in the history of the United States, representing the enormous aggregate of \$1,747,806,406. There was an increase in the amount of merchandise imported free of duty from a percentage of 34.27 of the whole, to 48.18 per cent. of the whole, the amount of the increase being \$118,092,387.

The surplus of revenue for the year was \$37,239,762.57.

The report of the Secretary of War exhibits the results of an intelligent, progressive and business-like administration of a department which has been too much regarded as one of mere routine.

Some especially good work has been accomplished in reducing desertions, enlisting Indians, etc. The discipline, order, and cleanliness of the military posts will have a wholesome and elevating influence upon the men enlisted, and through them upon their tribes, while a more friendly feeling for the whites and a greater respect for the Government will certainly be promoted.

The work of securing sites for shore batteries or harbor defence and the manufacture of mortars and guns of high power to equip them, have made good progress during the year.

The great work done in the Record and Pension Division of the War Department by Major Alsworth, of the Medical Corps, and the clerks under him, is entitled to honorable mention. Taking up the work with nearly 41,000 cases behind, he closed the last fiscal year without a case left over, though the new cases had increased 52 per cent in number over the previous year by reason of the pension legislation of the last Congress.

The work of the Navy Department is highly commended, and the recommendations of the Secretary are presented for favorable consideration.

The Sioux outbreak is briefly alluded to.

CAPTAIN W. H. W. JAMES, 34th U. S. Infantry, has returned to Knoxville from a trip to Harriman, Tennessee.

MAJOR W. M. WHERRY, 21st U. S. Inf., arrived in New York City this week and was welcomed by many old friends.

LIEUTENANT EDWARD SIEGFROED, 5th U. S. Infantry, will join Randall's company at Fort Leavenworth on Tuesday next.

RECENT DEATHS.

COLONEL JOSEPH S. CONRAD, 21st U. S. Infantry, died at Fort Randall, S. D., Dec. 4, while absent from Fort Sidney on a tour of inspection of the companies of his regiment. He took cold on the journey, pneumonia resulted and death followed. The deceased officer had an excellent record. He was born in New York, entered the Military Academy in 1853, was graduated in July, 1857, and promoted to the 4th Infantry. Soon afterwards he went to the 2d Infantry, and in November, 1861, was promoted captain. In 1862 he was appointed A. A. D. C. with rank of lieutenant-colonel and held that position until January, 1864. For his gallantry at the Wilderness, North Anna River and campaign under Gen. Hancock in 1864 he received the brevets of major, lieutenant-colonel and colonel. From 1871 to 1874 he was on duty at the Military Academy as senior assistant instructor in infantry tactics. He was promoted major, 17th Infantry, in 1879; lieutenant-colonel, 23d Infantry, in 1884, and colonel, 21st Infantry, in February of this year. This is but a brief record of over 34 years of honorable service on the active list, and the death of this worthy officer will be deeply regretted by many in and out of the Army. Gen. Brooke, commanding Department Platte, in announcing the death in a General Order says: "He joined the 21st Infantry at Fort Sidney, Neb., on April 6, 1861, and has been on duty with the regiment since that time. He was at all times a courteous gentleman, with the innate instincts of the soldier, and the welfare and official standing of his regiment and post were always among his highest considerations."

CAPTAIN JOSEPH KEEFFE, 4th U. S. Infantry, who died at Boise Barracks, Idaho, Dec. 4, was a veteran soldier. He enlisted in the 2d Artillery in 1853, was 1st sergeant of Battery E in 1862, when he was appointed brevet 2d lieutenant in the regiment, promoted 2d lieutenant 5th Artillery in October, 1862, and 1st lieutenant in July, 1866. In 1875 he transferred to the 4th Infantry and was promoted captain in February, 1882. He served gallantly during the war, and received the brevets of 1st lieutenant and captain for Fort Sanders and Fisher's Hill. Since the war a great portion of his service has been in the Northwest.

MR. CHRISTOPHER LEOSES, brother of Col. Chas. McK. Leover, formerly captain 2d U. S. Cav., died Dec. 9 in New York City.

DOM PEDRO II., ex-Emperor of Brazil, died in Paris Dec. 4. He was suffering from a complication of diseases, and latterly had several severe chills. His daughter, Princess Isabella, who is the wife of Count d'Eu, grandson of the late Louis Philippe, of France, was with him.

THE Chief of Ordnance, in an official order dated Dec. 4, announces the death of Major George W. McKee, at the Frankford Arsenal Nov. 30, after an illness of only four days, recounts his services and says: "In addition to Major McKee's important military services, he is the author of many valuable professional papers which have appeared in Ordnance publications, and the Department is indebted to him for much valuable scientific investigation and research. The Department, the Service, and the country have suffered serious loss in the death of an officer whose abilities and service were much needed. Few officers have ever been so widely known and have had so many devoted friends, both in the Army and throughout the country, as Major McKee. His eminently great and good qualities of mind, heart and character, his affection for and staunch loyalty and devotion to his friends, his contempt and hatred of whatever was wrong or mean, his unselfishness, charity and gentleness won for him the high admiration and friendship of all who knew him. His talents and many entertaining qualities made him a most welcome and agreeable companion. But above all else the man himself won the love of those who knew him well, and it is this last which now causes the deep sorrow for his loss. Major McKee's father, Wm. R. McKee, was killed at Buena Vista, Mex.; his brother, Hugh McKee, U. S. N., was killed in Corea, and those who knew Major McKee intimately will remember with something like reverence the touching devotion of his whole life to the widowed mother and other members of his own family. He was married in July last, and leaves a wife whose loss and sorrow are greater than ours and claim our deepest sympathy."

(From the *Scranton Truth*.)

BRITISH INTRIGUE AGAINST US IN CHILI.

Now that the New York Sun's correspondent in Chili has so thoroughly shown up the British source of the outcry against Minister Egan, because he was endeavoring to advance American interests in Chili, a great many people who have been bewildered by the persistent yell against him will appreciate the situation. Of course American journals published in English interests—of which there are far too many—will howl louder than ever since the Sun has plied the truth.

LIEUTENANT R. P. DAVIS, 2d U. S. Artillery, on duty at the Military Academy, visited friends in New York City this week.

CAPTAIN F. A. MAJ. AF, Corps of Engineers, U. S. Army, will change base in a few days from Philadelphia to Washington, D. C.

CAPTAIN A. L. MYER, 11th U. S. Inf., will bid goodbye to friends at Ft. Niagara next week and start to spend the winter on leave.

FIFTY-SECOND CONGRESS.

The first session of the Fifty-second Congress, in accordance with constitutional requirement, convened at noon, Dec. 6. Always an interesting National event, the opening of Congress this year is of peculiar importance. Being on the eve of the Presidential campaign, all the National issues—the times will be brought forward, and each of the two great political parties will strive to shape the course of legislation so as to affect their own interest and secure supremacy in the control of the Government. With the lower branch of the Legislature in the possession of the Democrats and the upper House in the control of the Republicans, there is great danger that the conflicting majorities will prevent rather than provide desirable legislation. This session, however, bids fair to be an interesting and exciting one, whatever may be the results.

Owing to the inability of the Democrats to nominate a Speaker, the House did not organize until Tuesday, when the Hon. Charles F. Crisp, of Ga., assumed the chair, having been nominated on the previous evening after a determined and exciting caucus, by a vote of 119, against 105 cast for Mr. Mills, 4 for Mr. Springer and 1 for Mr. Stevens. As organized, the House consists of 235 Democrats, 88 Republicans and 8 Farmers' Alliance. Of the total number, 332, only 172 served in the last Congress.

The Senate organized on Monday, the new Senators being sworn in and the usual resolution adopted for the appointment of a committee to join with a committee from the House to wait upon and inform the President that Congress had assembled and was ready for any communication he might desire to make. The President accordingly sent his annual message to the two Houses on Wednesday. The wheels of the National Legislature have thus been put in motion and, barring the appointment of the committees of the House by the Speaker, both branches are now ready for business.

There are also some committee changes to be made in the Senate, but a complete reorganization does not ensue except when the control of that body passes from one political party to another. They comprise only such changes as are made necessary by the election of new Senators, or through the request of individual Senators for transfer from one committee to another. There are this year 12 new Senators to be provided with committee assignments. There is only one vacancy at the present time in either the Military or Naval Committee of the Senate—that caused by the failure of the Hon. Wade Hampton to be re-elected. This will necessitate the assignment of a new Democratic Senator to his place on the Military Committee. There are a great many people that would like to see Mr. Proctor on the committee, but unless some one of the Republican members should ask to be relieved his committee labors will be in other directions. These two committees as organized last year, and as they will probably stand this year, comprise the following members:

MILITARY AFFAIRS.

Joseph R. Hawley, Conn., Chairman.	Cushman K. Davis, Minn.
James Donald Cameron, Pa.	Francis M. Cockrell, Mo.
Charles F. Manderson, Neb.	Vacancy.
William M. Stewart, Nev.	Edward C. Walthall, Miss.
	William B. Rife, Tenn.

NAVAL AFFAIRS.

James Donald Cameron, Pa.	John R. McPherson, N. J.
Eugene Hale, Maine.	Matthew C. Butler, So. Car.
Leland Stanford, California.	Joseph C. S. Blackburn, Ky.
Francis B. Stockbridge, Mich.	George Gray, Delaware.
William B. Chandler, N. H.	

The organization of the committees of the House is a matter that is just now agitating the public mind. Never an easy task, it will be especially difficult this session on account of the unusually large majority of the Democratic party and the many other new conditions that leave little in the way of precedent for guidance in the makeup of the committees. Speaker Crisp hopes to conclude the work before the holidays, but it is very doubtful if he will be able to do so. It is generally anticipated that Judge Holman, of Indiana, will be chairman of the Appropriation Committee. It cannot be said that the country is happy over the prospect, for as retrenchment and reform has always been his watchword, his management of this important committee is not likely to be favorable to anything like liberal appropriations.

The chairmanship of the Naval Committee will in all probability fall into the hands of the Hon. H. A. Herbert, of Ala. The Service will have no cause to complain with this selection, for Mr. Herbert has filled the position once before in a manner creditable to himself, the Navy and the country. A thorough believer in the necessity of a Navy, and a good one, and entirely well posted as to its needs, both material and personnel, he will be the right man in the right place, and if good results do not ensue it will not be through any fault of his. By length of service and qualifications, the Hon. J. A. Wheeler, of Ala., is entitled to the chairmanship of the House Military Committee, and the general impression is that he will get it. Being well posted and deeply interested in Army affairs and having close relations with the new Speaker, his selection would be of great value to the Service.

Of the twelve members of last year's Military Committee, only three—Messrs. Joseph Wheeler, of Ala.; S. W. T. Lanham, of Texas, and S. M. Robertson, of Ia.—were re-elected. Of the thirteen members of the Naval Committee, eight were returned—the Hon. H. A. Herbert, of Ala.; H. C. Lodge, of Mass.; J. P. Dolliver, of Iowa; F. W. Wheeler, of Mich.; H. W. Rush, of Md.; Joseph McKenna, of Cal.; C. W. Stone, of Pa., and T. F. Wayne, of New York.

The Senate grist mill was put into active operation on Thursday. In less than two hours over 600 bills and resolutions were turned out and referred for committee action. Included in the mass were measures by the score that have figured in one way or another in each succeeding Congress for the past twenty years, and many of them for even longer periods. There were not more than a dozen new measures in the lot, and only one of the dozen related to the Services. This was a measure introduced by Mr. Chandler to repeal the act of Aug. 5, 1882, reducing the number of engineers in the Navy. Measures were presented that stood no earthly show of receiving even committee action and in several instances—notably, two bills relating to Garrison Court-martial and directing the President to fix a code of punishments for military offences, intro-

duced by Mr. Hawley—measures were presented that became laws last session.

Among the bills presented of interest to the Services were the following. We shall give a full list next week:

S. 189, Chandler. That the reduction in the numbers of the Engineer Corps of the Navy, provided by act of Aug. 5, 1882, should be considered as having ceased on June 30, 1891.

S. 201, Manderson. That, as soon after the passage of this act as the organization hereinafter provided can be completed, each infantry regiment shall consist of 12 companies, one colonel, one lieutenant-colonel, three majors, one adjutant, one quartermaster, one sergeant-major, one quartermaster-sergeant, one chief musician, who shall be instructor of music, and two principal musicians. The adjutant and quartermaster shall be extra lieutenants selected from the 1st and 2d lieutenants of the regiment: *Provided*, That the original vacancies above the grade of 2d lieutenant created by this section shall be filled by promotion according to seniority in the infantry arm of the service: *And provided further*, That of the number of 2d lieutenants in excess of the graduates of the Military Academy appointed to the infantry arm of the service, one-half of such number shall be appointed from the enlisted men of the Army of the United States after proper examination.

Sec. 2. That the number of enlisted men of the Army of the United States is hereby increased to 30,000.

S. 536, Dolph. To increase number and pay of chaplains in the Navy.

S. 537, Dolph. For establishment of a gun factory on the Pacific Coast.

S. 545, Hawley. To define the grade of certain medical officers of the Army.

S. —, Quay. To transfer Revenue Cutter Service to the Navy Department.

S. 552, Hawley. To increase pay of privates of Hospital Corps.

(Correspondence of the Army and Navy Journal.)

WEST POINT, N. Y.

DECEMBER 9, 1891.

THE third of the series of officers' hops, which took place on Tuesday evening in Grant Hall, was, while very small, one of the most enjoyable of the present season. Lieut. Noyes spared no pains in his character of host to ensure the pleasure of his guests. The hop was brought to a close a few moments earlier than usual, a number of the very best number of guests having departed.

Lieut. E. P. Deere, 2d Art., left the post yesterday for New York City, having been summoned as a witness before a General Court-martial order to convene at the Army Building in that city to-day, Wednesday, Dec. 9.

Much regret is felt at the resignation of Cadet Malcolm Kintner Graham, 2d Class, by both his instructors and fellow cadets. Cadet Graham, who resigned at the request of his father, stood at the head of his class.

A Board of Officers, to examine into the physical condition of Cadets O'Hara and Delaney, has been ordered to meet at West Point Dec. 9 (to-day). The Board will consist of Surg. Joseph N. Gibson and Asst. Surg. Henry S. Kilbourne.

Lieut. Chas. H. Hunter, adjutant, 2d Artillery, and Mrs. Hunter are at the post as the guests of Lieut. and Mrs. Newcomb. Lieut. Clarence H. Edwards, 23d Inf., Mrs. Edwards and Miss Porter have been visiting Col. and Mrs. Wilson. Miss Harding, of Philadelphia, is visiting Lieut. and Mrs. Edgerton. E. H. Tillman, Ensign, U. S. Navy, and Mrs. Tillman have been recent guests of Prof. and Mrs. Tillman. Lieut. Geo. W. Kirkman, 1st Inf., spent a few days at the post last week, as did also relatives of Cadets Ames, of the 3d, and Bentley, of the 4th Class.

A cadet hop is in prospect for next Saturday.

GENERAL W. P. CARLIN, colonel, 4th Infantry, is at present at the Gilsey House, New York, where he is enjoying his leave of absence.

MISS MARIE SCHENCK, who has been the guest of Miss Carol Craigie at Fort Leavenworth, joined her parents at Fort Riley this week.

LIEUTENANT FRED. MARSH, 1st U. S. Artillery, is a recent arrival at Fort Wadsworth, Staten Island, for temporary duty with Russell's battery.

LIEUTENANT M. G. KRAYENBUHL, 2d U. S. Art., who has been visiting friends at Fort Leavenworth, for the past 10 days, has returned to Fort Riley.

MAJOR ASA BIRD GARDINER, LL. D., was recently elected a member of the Board of Managers of the New York Society of the Sons of the Revolution.

CAPTAIN E. F. GARDNER, Assistant Surgeon, U. S. Army, lately a guest at the Gilsey House, New York City, went to Governor's Island this week for temporary duty.

We are glad to note that Lieut.-Col. Merritt Barber, Assistant Adjutant-General, who has been ill of late, has resumed duty at the Headquarters Department of Dakota.

MAJOR RICHARD COMBA, 9th U. S. Infantry, has taken command of Madison Bkz., N. Y., during the absence of Col. Chas. G. Bartlett on Court-martial duty in New York City.

CAPTAIN A. C. TAYLOR, 2d U. S. Artillery, of Fort Warren, Mass., was a visitor this week to Bangor, Me., Manchester, N. H., and Burlington, Vt., on regimental recruiting service.

THE New York Times has a yarn to the effect that Secretary Blaine has asked for the appointment of Stephen B. Elkins to the War Department, in exchange for his pledge that he will withdraw from the contest for the Presidential nomination in favor of Mr. Harrison. This item properly belongs under the heading of the Marines, though we put it here.

A CORRESPONDENT writes: "I think the West Point class of '91 must have rather a remarkable record matrimonially. It graduated just six months ago, and six of its members are already married, while several others have announced their intention of giving up their recently acquired liberty before the winter is over. Ordinarily it is a rare occurrence for even a single member of a class to report at his first post with a bride, but five of this year's class were married on graduating leave."

THE Acting Secretary of War has decided that cadet service should be counted in computing the forty years necessary for retirement. Also that purchasing and depot commissary officers on duty at general depot of supplies, and all other classes of officers enumerated in par. 190, Rev. Reg., are not subject to orders of the Department Commanders for Court-martial duty.

LATE ARMY ORDERS.

First Lieutenant J. Rosier Clagget, 23d Inf., assigned to recruiting duty at David's Island, New York.

First Lieutenant Edward E. Hardin, 7th Infantry, relieved from Military Academy, Jan. 31 next, and will then join his regiment.

Capt. John B. Rodman, 20th Inf., detailed as member of the Examining Board at Fort Assiniboine.

Major F. D. Vroom, 1. G., relieved from Department of Missouri and assigned to Department of Texas, relieving Major Eugene B. Beaumont, 4th Cavalry.

Major Adna R. Chaffee, 9th Cav., assigned to duty as Acting Insp. General Dept. Arizona.

Capt. Henry J. Nolan, 7th Cav., assigned to duty as assistant to the Inspector-General, Dept. of the East.

Capt. Jesse M. Lee, 9th Cav., assigned to temporary duty as assistant to the Inspector-General, Dept. of the Missouri.

Leave extended 1st Lieut. G. D. Fitch, Corps of Engineers, one month.

THE POST NON-COM. STAFF.

To the Editor of the Army and Navy Journal:

It seems at present improbable that any measure for the improvement of the condition of the post non-commissioned staff will be enacted by Congress, as no recommendations to that effect have been made by the War Department; therefore this appears to be a good time to show cause why their pay, etc., is considered insufficient. No increase has been made since the pay of ordnance sergeants has been established, although the purchasing power of money has steadily decreased. Tableware and kitchen utensils are just as much needed by them as by the enlisted men of the line, but no provision is made for supplying the same. They are excluded from the benefits of the bakery and canteen funds. While the law does not compel them to get married, it has practically been found necessary, as otherwise they have no opportunity of getting their rations properly cooked or their quarters looked after. Children are a natural consequence, and often, instead of constituting the pride and blessing of the household, they are considered an incumbrance on account of the expense of rearing and educating them.

A prospective change of station is a constant and overshadowing threat, and often finds them unprepared, sweeps away the savings of years, and winds up with a mortgage on future pay. While the baggage allowance of officers has been increased, that of the non-com. staff, the smallest, has been left at the pitiful amount of 500 pounds, which would not move the belongings of a bachelor, and compels the married man to sacrifice part, and pay freight on the rest of his household goods.

An increase of the baggage allowance to 1,000 pounds would not affect the appropriation for transportation to any great extent, while it would be a substantial help to the non-com. staff. They should have a reasonable certainty of remaining at a post about five years, the term of an enlistment, unless the necessity for a change is imperative and obvious. A sufficient supply of tableware and kitchen utensils should be furnished by the Q. M. Department, and the necessary tables, dish cloths, meat safe, refrigerator and barrack chairs should form part of every set of quarters occupied by the non-com. staff, which articles should remain permanently. A money allowance should be substituted for the ration as now issued. Four dollars per month should be added to their pay in lieu of clothing, and the privilege of purchasing from the Q. M. Department extended to the post non-com. staff. Payments should be made on vouchers in the same manner as to veterinary surgeons; this would dispense with muster and pay rolls, clothing book and rolls, ration returns, etc., and merely necessitate the keeping of a descriptive book by the post adjutant, who would also attest deposits, make up final statements, discharges and descriptive lists. The post return and the personal reports would keep the Departments in Washington informed as to the whereabouts, etc., of the post non-com. staff. It is believed that none of the changes suggested would require the sanction of Congress, nor affect appropriations to an appreciable extent, but their approval by the War Department would show that in the march of progress in the future the post non-com. staff would not be left entirely in the cold, as has been the case during the last five years. T. C.

THE TRUTH ABOUT THE INDIAN SOLDIERS.

To the Editor of the Army and Navy Journal:

ABOUT the 17th inst., an Associated Press despatch was sent out from Prescott, Ariz., to the effect that there had been a "Race War" between the Indian soldiers of Co. I, 9th Infantry, and the white soldiers of the garrison of Whipple Barracks. The report was false. For the benefit of those who might think it true, because "the papers had it so," I'll state the circumstances which formed the material for the yarn.

A white soldier had his leg broken, but it was done by another white soldier in a free fight between whites in a Prescott saloon. The Indians mentioned as being in the hospital were two in number. Both had sprained ankles, the result of accidents; one an old case. The Indians in the guardhouse—three in number; one was put in confinement in September. The other two were punished for jumping on to another Indian. There was no break made for arms or ammunition.

Of course, with savages—as the enlisted Indians are, and must be for some time to come—such things as contained in the report are possible—perhaps probable—but it would be well in news gatherers to wait until irregularities occur and not make lies out of whole cloth, to subserve the purpose of sensationalism.

Co. I is now en route for Ft. Huachuca, and is three days out from Whipple Barracks.

W. G. E.

The competency of a witness may be questioned on four grounds—irreligion, defect of understanding, infamy, and interest.—Simmons.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY.

The annual report of the Secretary of the Navy is an able review for the benefit of Congress and the general public of facts to a large extent already known to them whose good fortune it is to read the ARMY AND NAVY JOURNAL. He dwells upon the peculiar advantages Protected Cruisers Nos. 12 and 13 possess in their extraordinary coal endurance and their speed of 22 knots maximum and 21 sustained sea speed. In these respects, he says, they have no equal among the large cruisers of the world and they can cruise a long distance without recoaling. Their armor protection against light guns and their batteries make them formidable antagonists. Their triple screw propulsion, one of their most important and original features, is at once effective for high speed and economical for ordinary service. The arrangement of the screws, tending to secure constant immersion in the water, is calculated to prevent racing.

The reasons for giving the contract for Cruiser No. 13 to the Messrs. Cramp are stated at length.

The Harbor Defence Ram of 2,050 tons has been improved in berthing capacity and coal endurance by increasing its length eight feet. A solid steel casting for the stem has replaced the ram with removable head and increased its value for ramming.

An amendment of the law is asked for to enable the Department to build the 750 ton torpedo cruiser.

The torpedo boat building at the Iowa Iron Works will be an improvement on the Cushing.

Thirteen new vessels have been put in commission since March 4, 1887. The present condition of those now under construction is described.

The results of the recent armor trials, already described here, are stated at length. The Secretary says:

"The more this subject is studied the more remarkable appears the foresight and judgment with which the first contract of 1867 was effected, and the creation assured of the unqualified plant now in the last stage of completion at South Bethlehem. * * The results of the trial were in the highest degree satisfactory. Each of the six plates manufactured in this country was superior to the English compound plate, while the nickel Harvey plate and the high carbon nickel plate were superior to all the foreign plates of the Annapolis trial. They may therefore be pronounced in advance of the best armor hitherto manufactured in Europe."

"The trial thus definitely establishes the fact that armor of excellent quality may be produced by the rolling process and that forging by means of the hammer, the greatest source hitherto of expense in manufacture, is no longer to be regarded as an absolute necessity. The importance of this fact can hardly be overestimated, for it raises a probability that within a year or two the armor producing capacity of the United States may be quadrupled in case of necessity, and that if we had 10,000 tons to let and could give 18 months from date of contract to commence delivery, the cost of manufacture would be reduced from 25 to 30 per cent., while the work hitherto confined to two firms, would be thrown open to a large number of competitors. Finally the trial shows that the high carbon nickel Harvey plate is undoubtedly the best armor plate ever subjected to ballistic test."

Under the heading of ordnance, the following table is given:

	Number of guns required to arm vessels provided by law.	Number of sets of forgings ordered.	Number of sets of forgings delivered.	Number of guns completed.
4 inch....	60	35	35	7
5 inch....	56	29	29	3
6 inch....	129	134	134	117
8 inch....	51	51	51	19
10 inch....	23	25	14	3
12 inch....	8	8	4	1
13 inch....	12	12	0	0
Total....	347	394	240	155

The remarks of the Secretary on armor, ordnance, powder and high explosives, projectiles, torpedoes, Vespers trials, and ordnance establishments are substantially a repetition of the statement contained in the report of the Chief of the Bureau of Ordnance.

An account is given of the operations during the year of the ships in commission and under its heading we have an account of the attack at Valparaiso upon the seamen of the *Baltimore*. Concerning it the Secretary says:

"The sailors during the attack were without arms and therefore defenceless. Of the 36 men arrested and examined, all were discharged, there being no proof of any violation of the peace on their part. The judicial investigation into the conduct of the men failed to show that a single one was found drunk or disorderly. It is clear that their only offence lay in wearing the uniform of the country to which they belonged. Whether the attacks upon the seamen of the *Baltimore* were preconcerted or not, their real cause can only be found in the bitter hostility of the Chileans towards the United States—a feeling largely due to the false and malicious accusations which have been put forth at Iquique and later at Valparaiso in reference to the action of the Navy of the United States during the progress of the revolution. It is due to the Navy to state that so far from having given cause for such a feeling, its conduct, under the instructions of the Department, has in every respect been fair, just, and temperate."

The instructions to Admiral Brown are quoted and we are told that there is no doubt that the instructions of the Department were carried out to the letter. In these instructions the implied assumption by the Chilean Government that the insurgent vessels should be regarded as outlaws was repudiated. Strict neutrality was commanded. So careful was the Department to prevent any erroneous conclusions that might be drawn by officers as to the character of these vessels that it expressly revised and corrected its regulation for the treatment of ships of war acting without a regular commission.

The first distinct cause of hostile feeling was the affair of the *Itata*, and the circumstances of this affair are described at length. Also those relating to the incident of cutting the telegraphic cable, which added to the ill-feeling.

The act was in no way the act of the U. S. Government, but it was the act of the cable company in the execution of its lawful right to protect and make available for use its own property. Admiral Brown's report is quoted to show the groundlessness of the charges against him.

"It therefore appears that neither in the affair of the *Itata*, whose surrender was voluntarily determined on by the provisional government at Iquique, nor in the presence at the *Baltimore* when the agent of an American cable com-

pany spliced their cables on the open sea, nor in the visit of Admiral Brown to Quintero Bay was there any ground of offence given by the Navy of the United States to any person, party or government then existing in Chile, nor was any assistance or encouragement of any kind rendered to what was at that time recognized by all the world as in fact the government of the country. Yet it is impossible to account for the series of outrages perpetrated on the crew of the *Baltimore* on any other supposition than that those who concerted them were influenced by the calumnies which had been actively circulated, and that they were aided and abetted by a police guard which should have suppressed them. No charge or even suspicion of misconduct attaches to the men who, on the night of Oct. 18, endeavoring without weapons to defend themselves against an armed attack, were driven by the police to a Chilean prison because they wore the uniform of American sailors."

The Secretary presents an interesting argument for the increase of our Navy. Our wooden ships no longer count, and our sole dependence is upon the new fleet. Its development is slow but sure, and there are no failures thus far.

"The course of events during the past year has shown anew the necessity of continuing the development of the Navy. The demands upon it have been constant, and they are constantly growing. The rapid extension of commercial relations has doubled the importance of our interests, especially in the Pacific. It was said a few years ago by a keen foreign observer: 'Some day or other there will be a great rivalry of three or four nations in the Pacific for the commerce of those seas, and the country which has cultivated its strength with a view to that contingency will carry off a chief part of the prize.' The rivalry has already begun, and the signs are evident on every hand of sharp competition."

With the great maritime powers it is only a step from commercial control to territorial control, and this means the exclusion of American influence. Says Mr. Tracy:

"I believe that public opinion in the United States desires to see this country provided with an efficient naval protection. The press, which represents the best intelligence of the country, speaks on the subject with clearness and emphasis. It believes, and the country believes with it, that this protection is an obligation upon the National Government. It does not believe that cities like San Francisco, Seattle, and Tacoma should be open to the attacks of a third-rate power, whose ships, by a sudden movement, may enforce contributions that would pay in advance the expense of a war. If any one believes that such rapidity of movement is impossible, let him recall the circumstances under which the *Esmeralda* appeared in April last, without warning, close to the California coast, sending on the *Hats* to San Diego. As little does public opinion believe that the commercial seaports of the Gulf and the Atlantic should be unprotected from attack by any nation whose fortified harbors and fully-equipped naval dockyards are within forty-eight hours' steaming."

The prosperity of the interior depends upon the uninterrupted supply of the demands of a foreign market. We cannot prevent war by seeking to avoid it. It may come without our consent, and there are situations in which that consent would be given by a unanimous popular voice. There are outrages which cannot go unredressed; there are injuries to which no nation can afford to submit. Against such injuries the surest preventive is a strong national defence.

The building operations of the Navy will come to an end in about two years unless new constructions are authorized at the present session. The estimates for the increase of the Navy are for next year \$12,300,000 as compared with \$17,600,000 for the current year, and "after considering carefully the additions that have been hitherto made to the Navy, and its future necessities, the Department has reached the conclusion that there should be no departure from the policy pursued up to this time of building large armored vessels. Ships of the type of the *Indiana*, now under construction, are undoubtedly the most powerful element of protection that this country can possess. One first-class ship would cost certainly one-fifth less than two of the smaller type, and yet have a comparative force so much greater that in an engagement it would destroy them both without receiving material injury."

Two new vessels of the *Indiana* type are recommended and one of the general design of the *New York*. The actual coal endurance of the *San Francisco*, which has been estimated at 3,338 knots, will not exceed 4,412 with the best quality of coal and clean bottom. With a foul bottom this is reduced to 3,650 knots. A like result has been experienced in all the English ships of this type. Abroad, the construction of smaller cruisers or gunboats, of 3,000 tons displacement and less, carrying a heavy battery, but few or no rapid fire guns, with a light protective deck, moderate speed and small coal endurance, has ceased entirely. In the few vessels of this size that are being designed at present a battery composed entirely of rapid fire guns of from 4 to 6 inch calibre is the essential feature, and this is combined with high speed. Four small vessels of special design are needed for our Service in the Asiatic and S. Atlantic Stations.

In place of gunboats, useless except for peace cruising, we should have torpedo vessels. Now that the manufacture of the Whitehead torpedo has been demonstrated, there is no reason why the construction of these necessary vessels should be longer delayed. The construction of torpedo boat No. 2 at Dubuque, Iowa, represents a new and important step in the development of the resources of this country for the purposes of naval shipbuilding, as this work has heretofore been done almost wholly on the Atlantic and Pacific seaboard.

THE NAVAL PERSONNEL.

The Secretary urges the importance of increasing the Engineer Corps of the Navy.

"A modern man-of-war is a vast and complex machine, needing intelligent and trained minds to insure a perfect working of the parts, failure in any one of which may be fatal at a vital moment; and the sense of responsibility, the physical and nervous strain upon the engineer officer charged with the care and supervision of this net work of machinery, is very great. His duties are not only of the highest importance, for upon him mainly depends the efficiency of the motive power, but they are at the same time arduous and dangerous. Manual labor and subordinate are at his service, but he cannot be everywhere, and he should have assistance of men like himself to bear their share of his load. It is false economy to put in our new vessels all that is most advanced in high pressure machinery and the multitude of engines and devices by which steam and mechanical appliances are made to do the work of man, and then to provide an insufficient number of officers to control them. In reference to the line officers, the report of the Paymaster Board is commended to the careful attention of Congress."

A synopsis is given of the Paymaster report, which we have published in full. Concerning it the Secretary says:

"The picture it presents is not overdrawn, and its argument in favor of measures looking to a change will con-

vince any impartial observer that a radical change is necessary. The remedy proposed is believed by the Department, to meet in its general principles, the necessities of the case, although many of its details will require essential modification."

"With many of the features of the Board's plan the Department is fully in accord, but it finds others that are open to serious objection. It believes that a scrutiny similar to that suggested in the report is advisable, but it is strongly of the opinion that, before the scrutiny takes place, an opportunity should be given to those officers who may so desire to make, as a voluntary step, the transfer which the scrutiny contemplates. I would recommend that this should be done in three ways: First, by allowing all officers who are veterans of the war to retire on their own applications with advancement to the next higher grade; second, by allowing all officers who have passed more than fifteen years in one grade to retire on their own application, with advancement to the next higher grade; third, by allowing all officers having twenty years or more of service to go upon the reserve list on their own application, without further promotion, and subject only to shore employment."

"These three measures will secure, first, an honorable retirement in the nature of a well-earned reward for those whose services have been most meritorious; second, the advancement of one step for those who have suffered injustice by reason of long-delayed promotion; and third, it will enable such officers as prefer it to go of their own option upon the reserve list, thus exchanging the benefits of promotion and increased pay for the benefits of shore duty. These measures will also accomplish a considerable part of the necessary reduction of the list by a voluntary instead of a compulsory transfer."

"After these voluntary transfers are completed the scrutiny should be held and the selection made, not as proposed by the Board, of the best officers of the Navy, which is a somewhat invidious ground of distinction, but of those officers best fitted for sea duty. The new active list will then include only officers who are fit to go to sea, who want to go to sea, and who mean to go to sea, and they are the only officers who are entitled to promotion. It should also be provided that the numbers selected for the active or reserve list should comprise not less than 85 per cent. of the total number remaining after the voluntary transfers had been made. The large number of vacancies thus made at the foot of the new active list should not be filled at once, but only as casualties occur in the original body of officers composing both the active and reserve lists."

In reference to the question of selection the Department believes that a limited application of the principle of selection in place of seniority as the basis of promotion is a necessary feature of any successful plan. It has been tried for many years in the Army, and has been found to increase its efficiency in a high degree. It may be that the officers selected for the positions of general officers in the Army are not always the best in the Service, but they are never bad or incompetent. There is no reason why the system should not work equally well in the Navy, or why the branch of the Service should be placed relatively at such a serious disadvantage. No system can be considered sound or reasonable which assumes, as does the present system of seniority promotion, that every individual who graduates from the Naval Academy is just as well fitted as any other for positions of high responsibility and command. Its defects have again and again been pointed out by my predecessors, and a change has been repeatedly advocated in the interest of economy and efficiency."

"I would therefore recommend in place of the complex system of the Board, the adoption of the system now in force in the Army, as being simpler, better and more effectual. Under this system the President should be authorized to select from the grade of captain the officer who, in his judgment, is best fitted for the grade above, and the same rule should hold good in promotions from commodore to rear admiral."

"The present system can not endure much longer. With the new ships we must have a personnel whose efficiency is beyond question, and whose excellence is on the increase and not on the wane. No country could afford to keep up such a system and maintain a body of officers such as the line of the Navy will become in a few years under existing conditions. No country could afford to pension in the higher grades officers whose whole time in these grades has been too short to enable them to perform any actual duty, and who hurry one after another, as admirals of a few months' service, to a constantly increasing retired list with constantly increasing rapidity."

"I would further recommend that the designations of the grades of rear admiral and commodore be changed respectively to vice admiral and rear admiral, the numbers, pay and relative rank of the grades remaining the same as at present. The number of captains should be fixed at 60, as recommended by the Board."

"In the annual report of 1889 the condition of the enlisted men was fully discussed. I desire to renew the recommendations made at that time, and especially that the number of apprentices be increased from 750, as now allowed by law, to 1,500. The measures proposed two years ago for the purpose of securing a more permanent class in the corps of enlisted men are again recommended, and it is strongly urged that the principle be adopted of retaining the services of the men for life by substituting a plan of continuous service for the present method of temporary enlistment. The Department believes that for emergencies a four years' term of enlistment should be adopted, and recommends that the law relating to honorable discharges after three years of service, and to allowances upon a three years' re-enlistment, be amended accordingly."

An account is given of the organization of the Naval Militia, which now comprises an effective organized force of over 1,100 men, distributed among six States. As soon as legislative authority is obtained other organizations will follow in other States.

"The importance of this movement, which is destined to add to the reserve strength of the Navy a considerable force of militia, with all the advantages of thorough preliminary training, will be universally appreciated. It should be helped and forwarded in every possible way. The drills of the Naval Militia during the past year have shown how much can be accomplished in this direction by organization and discipline. Under the command of capable officers, many of whom have had professional experience, the naval battalions have reached a high state of efficiency, and the establishment of the Naval Militia must be regarded as one of the important events in the record of our naval progress during the past year."

It is asked that naval courts be granted the same power as military courts now possess.

The advantages resulting from the consolidation of naval stores are described. The change has resulted in a great saving to the Government. It is asked that the Bureau of "Provisions and Clothing" should be renamed "Bureau of Supplies and Accounts."

The relatively high cost of Navy-yard work is partly due to poorly equipped shops and an appropriation for better equipments is suggested. The warship of the present day is one of the most complicated machines of modern times. The method of constructing our new ships is described at some length to show the complications that have arisen as a result of the change from wood to steel. The Secretary says:

"The question has been: How shall the Navy Department get good foremen and good workmen in its building and repair yards? I have arrived at the conclusion that it can only be done on the same plan as that which prevails in private establishments—to give the places to the best class of mechanics that can be procured for the price the Government can afford to pay, regardless of any other consideration than their mechanical skill."

This policy necessitates a radical change in organization so as to rid the Yards entirely of political control. The present system of selecting workmen is described at length. The system may not be the best that can be devised, but it is the best that has so far presented itself, and if no one can suggest an improvement on it, the Department will be ready to adopt it.

"As the new system only went into complete operation on the 1st of September last, it is too soon to show the full results of its workings, but it may be stated that during the last three months, when unusual demands were made upon the Yard organization for the repairs of ships in commission, the system was put to a severe test, and the voluntary testimony of the officers of these vessels as to the efficiency and promptness with which the work was done is a conclusive proof of the benefits resulting from the new system. It is especially to the fidelity, energy and zeal of the Navy-yard workmen that the communications of these officers refer. This result has been brought about not only by the introduction of new and efficient foremen and workmen, but by the discharge of those who are incompetent, and the influence of a new stimulus upon those who remain, all of which is the direct result of the new system."

Tables are given showing the cost of our new Navy, including every item of expenditure, however remotely connected with the actual cost of building, from the fiscal year 1883-'84 to 1894-'95, aggregating during the twelve years a total of \$60,993,382, or considerably less than \$6,000,000 a year. The vessels included in this statement are forty in number, with an aggregate tonnage of 155,820 tons. "When it is considered that at the time of beginning the first four cruisers not a single steel ship had been built in this country, that no vessels either of steel or of iron had been constructed by the Navy since the war, with the exception of three small third-class iron gunboats built in 1874, and that the whole work upon these ships represented practically a new branch of manufacture, the stupendous character of the results accomplished may be appreciated. For the mechanical work actually done, the figures are reasonable; while the moral result, which has been to raise this country from a position of absolute defencelessness to that of a respectable naval power, has been out of all proportion to the annual charge upon the revenues. No other expenditure of the Government, of equal amount, during the period has been more productive of benefit than that which has been devoted to the construction of an American Navy, out of American materials, and by American labor."

The total estimate for the Navy, including both running expenses and "increase of the Navy," is \$27,194,639.50, as against the appropriation of \$32,525,145.78 of last year, being an aggregate reduction in current estimates below the last year's appropriation of \$5,331,506.98.

The Naval Observatory will soon be transferred to its new site, upon the completion of its building. It will have one of the most admirably equipped observatories in the world, and legislation is asked to secure for it the ablest and most accomplished astronomer who can be found for the position of Superintendent.

The Department again refers to its recommendation, made for two successive years, in favor of legislation consolidating the Revenue Marine Service with the Navy. The measure is advantageous from every point of view, and is again earnestly commended to the attention of Congress.

THE CRUISER NEW YORK.

The following is a comparison between the U.S.S. *New York*, just launched from the yard of the Messrs. Cramp, and three others of the largest foreign cruisers:

	Blake, Blenheim, ^a New York, ^b Carlos V., ^c Mayo (launched.) (launched.) (b'd'g.) (l'ched.)	Emperador 25 de Mayo (b'd'g.) (l'ched.)	25 de Mayo (b'd'g.) (l'ched.)
Displacement, tons.....	9,000	8,150	9,235
Length, feet.....	375	381	384
Beam, feet.....	65	65	65
Mean draught, feet.....	25.7	25.3	22
Side armor.....	8 in.	4-10 in.	6-12 in.
Deck armor.....	3-6 in.	3-6 in.	2 in.
*Ind. horse power.....	20,000	16,500	15,000
*Speed, knots.....	22	20	22.4
*Ind. horse power.....	12,000	9,500	9,000
*Speed, knots.....	18.5	18	17.5
Coal capacity, tons.....	1,500	1,500	1,500
Radius of action at 10 knots, miles.....	15,000	13,000	12,000
Heavy guns.....	2 9.2 in. 24 t.	6 8 in.	2 11 in. 23.5 in.
Q. F. guns.....	10 6 in.	12 4 in.	10 5 1/2 in. 8 4 1/2 in.
Machine guns.....	16 3 pr.	8 6 pr.	12 3 pr.
Torpedo tubes.....	4	4	6

^aExtreme, 78 ea.
The *Blake* was launched at Chatham on Nov. 23, 1890; the *Blenheim* at Blackwall, July 1, 1890; the *New York* at Philadelphia Dec. 3; the *Emperador Carlos V.* at Cadiz and the *25 de Mayo* at Elswick. This last vessel in her steam trials in November made the best speed on record for a ship of her size. The *Blake* has not thus far realized expectations. The private shipyards in England appear to be doing the best work, and for the foreigners.

The speed performances of the *Blake* are undoubtedly a great disappointment to the British authorities, and they appear to be whistling to keep their courage up. Of her speed trials the *Army and Navy Gazette* says: "It was not, indeed, demonstrated that we have in this vessel a cruiser 'surpassing anything hitherto attempted,' but at least sufficient warrant was given for the belief that we have in her a ship that in good time may be made to fulfil that promise." It is probable that her boilers will have to be changed, as they seem to be the seat of the difficulty. The *Blake* cost \$2,250,000. The *Edgar*, which was engined by the Fairfield Co., is doing better running now than on her trials.

LAUNCH OF U. S. WAR VESSELS.

The 3,000 ton cruiser *Montgomery*, known during construction as Cruiser No. 9, was successfully launched from the yard of the Columbian Iron Works, Baltimore, Md., Dec. 5. The *Montgomery* is an unarmored cruiser, her principal dimensions being: Length, 257 ft.; extreme breadth, 37 ft.; mean draught, 14 1/2 ft. Under forced draught it is calculated that she will develop 5,400 horse power. Her normal coal capacity will be 200 tons, but 435 tons can be carried. She will be rigged as a two masted schooner, spreading about 8,300 ft. of canvas.

Gunboat No. 5, now christened *Machias*, was launched from the yard of the Bath Iron Works,

Bath, Me., on Dec. 8 with great ceremony—Grand Army posts, members of the Loyal Legion, prominent citizens and others taking part. The vessel was christened by Miss Ethel Hyde, and slid down the ways without any hitch.

The new gunboat is a vessel of about 1,000 tons displacement. Her dimensions are: Length, 190 ft.; beam, 36 ft.; draught, 12 ft. Her engines are to be of the vertical, inverted, direct acting, triple expansion description, driving twin screws, with a total of 1,600 indicated horse power. Her speed will be 13 knots an hour, and she will carry 250 tons of coal on which her radius of action at a 10 knot speed will be about 4,500 knots.

A TRIBUTE TO PROFESSOR ANDREWS.

To the Editor of the *Army and Navy Journal*:

A PLEASANT little incident happened at the Military Academy at West Point a few days since in the presentation to Prof. George L. Andrews of a picture of himself and the instructors in his department. Immediately after the recitations of the afternoon were over, the instructors assembled in the professor's office, and Capt. Edward E. Wood, 8th Cav., presented the picture in the following graceful language:

"General: The instructors of our department have been desirous of expressing their deep appreciation of the uniformly kind and considerate treatment you have always shown them, also of indicating the respect and affection they have for you. For this purpose, and in their behalf, I present this picture of the present members of the department, hoping that in future years when we are separated, it may sometimes lead you to think of us as among the many who will always have for you feelings of the deepest respect, admiration and affection."

As the date for Prof. Andrews's retirement is approaching, many of your readers throughout the Army will rejoice in this little tribute to him at this time, and warmly join in the assurances so happily expressed by Capt. Wood.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

C.—General Grant was born on April 29, General Sherman on Feb. 8, and General Sheridan on March 6.

Subscriber.—Write to Peter S. Hay, Secretary of the Society of the War of 1812, 4542 Rubicam avenue, Philadelphia, Pa.

J. A.—It is likely that the summary court law will be amended very soon to admit of remission and mitigation of sentences by post commanders. Have patience yet a little while.

W. H. B.—The address of Gen. H. G. Wright is 1205 N. street, N. W., Washington, D. C.; of Gen. B. H. Grierson, 882 E. State street, Jacksonville, Ill., and of Gen. Daniel Butterfield, 615 5th avenue, New York City.

M. McD.—Can a man in his second enlistment, but not drawing re-enlistment pay, on application, purchase his discharge, and what channel shall he apply to do so? Ans.—Yes; apply to your commanding officer.

H. V. asks: 1. What is the standing of Acting Hospital Steward Herbert Jaeger on the list? Ans.—No. 3. 2. In what order are the appointments made now? They seem not to have been made according to the list published. Ans.—In the order of merit.

Select asks: 1. How many applicants have passed their examinations for commissary sergeants and have not yet received their appointments? Ans.—18 have been examined and not yet appointed. 2. How do I stand on the list of applicants? Ans.—You stand No. 13.

Constant Reader asks: Is it lawful for a man known to be a thief and a deserter from the Army to hold the rank of a non-com. officer in the Marine Corps? Ans.—We assume this to be a hypothetical case, for if there is such a man, with the facts as stated known, it is not likely he would be permitted to hold any position in the Marine Corps at all.

J. M. asks: Is it in accordance with tactics that trumpeters of cavalry should not carry carbines while on mounted inspections or drill? Ans.—The tactics do not say anything about what arms trumpeters shall carry. The custom of the service and the wish of the troop commander supplemented by that of the post commander prescribe what arms they should carry.

Foggy.—Section 1259, Revised Statutes, says: Retired officers of the Army may be assigned to duty at the Soldier's Home, upon a selection by the commissioners of that institution approved by the Secretary of War; and a retired officer shall not be assignable to any other duty. (Provided, That they receive from the Government only the pay and emoluments allowed by law to retired officers.)

C. E.—The recommendations of the colonel and the captain of your company would be sufficient. The regulations require that civilian candidates for commissions who are members of the National Guard, "must present recommendations from the proper National Guard authorities." Lieuts. Tompkins and Howard both belonged to the 12th Regiment, N. G. S. N. Y., before being commissioned in the Regular Army.

S. asks: "Should the muzzle of piece—Remington rifle, State model—be lowered at an angle of about 25 degrees, at half-cock the piece, without regard to old official decisions requiring muzzle at height of chin?" Ans.—The instructions in the new drill regulations for loading—as in Upton's—is intended for the Springfield rifle. Organizations armed with Remington or other rifles should conform to the manual laid down for these rifles through the Adjutant-General's office of their respective States.

Reader asks: What are the proportions of a U. S. Army flag of about the length of 25 or 30 feet? Ans.—There is no flag of that size in use in the Army. Garrison flag, 30 feet by 20 feet high, consist of 13 horizontal stripes, alternating red and white, beginning with red. In the upper quarter next to staff is the Union, which is composed of white stars equal to the number of States (each star measuring 10 inches between the farthest points) arranged in 6 rows parallel to the longer edge of flag on a blue field, one-third of the length of flag and extending to the lower edge of the fourth red stripe from the top. The next in size is the post flag, which is 20 feet by 10 feet hoist, which is similarly made, all parts being proportionately smaller; stars 5 inches between farthest points.

W. G. W. asks: "I saw a statement, I think, in your JOURNAL, that Sec. 1530, U. S. Rev. Stat., provides that U. S. naval vessels of 5,000 tons displacement and over shall be classed 1st rates; 3,000 to 5,000, 2d rates; 1,000 to 3,000, 3d rates, and less than 1,000, 4th rates. I notice that in your list of vessels in commission you do not adhere to this. Has there been a later section?" Ans.—Sec. 1530 provides that "steamships of 40 tons or more shall be classed as first rates, those of 20 tons and under 40 as second rates, and all those of less than 20 tons as third rates."

A proposition to base the rating upon displacement received the favorable action of the Senate last year but did not pass the House. The rating given in our ship list is in accordance with the statute quoted, but as the conditions have changed since this was enacted there is necessarily some confusion in the classification.

THE STATE TROOPS.

COMPETITION IN SIGNALING.

The second competition in flag signaling between the Signal Corps of the 1st and 2d Brigades took place at the 23d Regiment armory on Saturday evening, Dec. 5. It was won by the 2d Brigade Corps. This, being the second match won by the Brooklyn men, closes the series, the arrangements having been the best two out of three competitions.

Both teams made fewer mistakes than at their previous meeting, and they also made better time. The 2d Brigade Corps, however, still beat their opponents by quite a few minutes, as they did before. The score is as follows:

	Mistakes.	Time.
2d Brigade, large flags.....	7	60.04
" " small flags.....	6	43.45
Total.....	13	103.50
1st Brigade, large flags.....	13	73.36
" " small flags.....	8	52.24
Total.....	21	125.60

The outcome of the first match on Nov. 28, at the armory of the 22d Regiment, was as follows:

Large Flags—First Brigade Corps, 12 messages in 83 minutes and 30 seconds, 29 mistakes. Second Brigade Corps, 12 messages in 85 minutes and 13 seconds, 3 mistakes.

Small Flags—First Brigade, 12 messages in 51 minutes, 51 seconds, 16 mistakes. Second Brigade, 12 messages in 43 minutes, 34 seconds, 11 mistakes.

Much better work was done by both teams. The improvement in the work of the 1st Brigade team was probably due to the fact that they were less rattled than at first. The score for the competition with the large flags was 7 errors in favor of the 2d Brigade to 13 in favor of the New York Corps. The score with the small flags showed six errors for each team, with the time in favor of the 2d Brigade Corps. This last record, to say the least, is most creditable. Twelve messages were sent by each corps, of 78 letters, making 1872 letters sent and received, with only six errors each, or an average of 62-100 of 1 per cent. error. This has probably never been excelled by any other body of signalmen in the National Guard or the Regular Army. The winning of the match seems of less consequence than the fact that both sides showed so great proficiency. The following members made 100 per cent. in reading in the second competition: 2d Brigade—Corpl. Baldwin and Privates Merriam, Hallam, Blackburn and Hotchkiss. 1st Brigade—Capt. Gallup and Privates Barber, Kirchbaum and Lemore. The 2d Brigade Corps, however, sent and received correctly 30 of their 48 messages, and the 1st Brigade Corps was somewhat behind in this respect. Capt. Gallup, of the 1st Brigade, and Corpl. Baldwin, of the 2d Brigade Corps, made 100 per cent. in both competitions. The 2d Brigade Corps was the more proficient in the time consumed in sending. In the first competition the 2d Brigade Corps averaged for each message 4 m. 37 sec.; the 1st Brigade Corps averaged 5 m. 39 sec. In the second competition the 2d Brigade Corps averaged for each message 4 m. 19 sec.; the 1st Brigade Corps averaged 5 m. 15 sec. As both corps have now displayed such ability in flag signaling, it is next in order for them to take up field work, with telegraph and heliograph and flash lights, and it is hoped the State will provide the necessary means to this end.

Twelfth New York.—Colonel H. Dowd.

The regiment assembled for review and dress parade on the evening of Dec. 3. Particular interest was attached to the occasion for the reason that, for the first time in this city an exhibition in the new Drill Regulations was to be given. As a consequence, many military notabilities were present, who, to use a phrase of the street were "looking for points." The assembly was sounded promptly, but Companies K, A, B and F were formed and rolls called before the assembly had been sounded; while the spirit displayed was all right, it was not a proper proceeding. The regiment was divided into three battalions, Major Leonard commanding the first, Capt. Burns the second, and Capt. Kirby the third. The first formation was very fair. The centre battalion, however, did not form on the ends of the distance between them. After the formation had been completed the battalions were dismissed and marched to their respective parade grounds, and were then formed in line of masses for review. In this formation some of the commanders of companies in each battalion dressed on one flank and some on the other. The battalions being turned over to Col. Dowd by Adjutant Wainwright, Col. Dowd then presented the battalions to Col. John M. Wilson, U. S. Corps of Engineers, and Superintendent of the U. S. Military Academy, West Point, who was the reviewing officer. The men were reasonably steady during the review in line. Some men, however, could not refrain from turning their heads.

At the conclusion of the review in line the battalion changed directions by the left flank preparatory to the passage in review. The latter was very fair, but the commandant of the 1st Battalion did not start off according to the new Drill Regulations in the matter of giving orders to his battalion, and he was the cause of the confusion noted at other portions of the ceremonies. The fourth company of the 1st Battalion was very unsteady, and several of the men were out of step. The third company of the 3d Battalion was also unsteady with numerous men out of step. At conclusion of the review, the battalions were again marched to their respective parade grounds and line was then immediately reformed for dress parade. After some little confusion this was accomplished, the formation proper being a great improvement over the first. The 2d Battalion took its proper position at the end of the 1st and 3d Battalions. The ceremony was executed in very good shape; in the manual, however, the men, at the order arms, persisted in bringing the pieces to the floor with a bang, otherwise the manual was very fair considering that the movements were, so to speak, new to the men. The march past, at the conclusion of the dress parade, with the 1st Sergeants in command of the companies, was really the best executed movement of the evening; the men were in step, were steady and distances were good. Considering that it was the first attempt of the regiment to illustrate the ceremonies

as prescribed in the new Drill Regulations, and only partially mastered at that, the work of the evening was very creditable. At the conclusion of the ceremonies the drum corps, under Drum Major McKay, gave an exhibition. A band concert, under Leader Leibolt, gave a promenade concert, consisting of six selections. Dancing was then indulged in until a late hour. The commissioned officers scheduled to lead the grand march, however, failed to put in an appearance.

Although there was a "reception committee" of nine officers, a "house committee" of five officers and a "press committee" of five officers, not one of them had the forethought to provide a place for the representatives of the press invited, or made it possible for the latter to get where they could see something of what was going on. The youthful officer of the guard when asked to allow the correspondents to go to a proper position could do nothing; in fact he seemed in doubt as to whether he had a right on the floor himself. He has much to learn; so has the committee, responsible for inviting representatives from newspapers and then having them refused a place of observation.

Twenty-second New York—Col. John T. Camp.

The handsome parlor of Co. F, Capt. W. B. Smith, was thrown open for inspection on Tuesday evening, Dec. 8, and the many guests present were loud in their expressions of admiration over the beauty and elegance of the room. After a well executed drill, the company and its guests repaired to the room of the Board of Officers, where a musical and literary programme had been arranged. Short and interesting addresses were made by Capt. Smith, Col. Camp, Gen. Theo. L. Watson, Conn. N. G., ex-Col. McLewie and others. Messrs. Lamson, Travis, Hall and Taylor, the musical quartette of Co. F, rendered some fine selections on the banjo. Private Keefe, of Co. F, graphically explained, or endeavored to, "Why Mary Left Home;" the exact reason is still a mystery. Other artists gave evidence of their ability and were liberally applauded. A bountiful supply of the best commissary stores, including roast pig, turkey and sweet cider, had been massed in an adjoining room, to which all were invited and did ample justice. Co. F and its friends certainly spent an enjoyable evening.

Co. E, Capt. Thurston, on Saturday evening, Dec. 12, (to-night), will give an exhibition drill in the new regulations, which will be especially interesting to military men. The movements will be varied, and it will be the first practical working drill yet given in the new drill in this city. The death of Lieut. E. S. Schoonmaker, of Co. B, who died suddenly last Sunday while in a Turkish bath, was a great surprise, and his loss was much regretted. The remains were buried in Greenwood on Dec. 8, with military honors, members of the company and officers of the regiment attending. The deceased had been a member of Co. B since June 4, 1877, and was very well liked.

MASSACHUSETTS.

ONE of the few militia organizations that is known throughout the country is the National Lancers, of Boston. A turning point in the history of this famous command took place on the evening of Dec. 1, when the following

gentlemen were admitted as members: Albert Thorndike, R. Frank Richards, Col. John E. Thayer, Henry S. Collins, J. Brooks Fennell, Herbert Austin, Arthur Perrin, John Codman 2d, Sidney B. Everett, Curtis Guild, Jr., Abbot Lawrence, Henry N. Richards, George Von L. Meyer, H. B. Ball, A. D. Wainwright, M. M. Kimball and F. L. Williams. Besides the above, applications for membership have been received from Walter Phipps, Horatio Davis, E. Amory Codman and Arthur B. Sawyer.

To those who know the standing of these gentlemen in the community it means that an effort is to be made to have a cavalry company in Boston every bit as exclusive as the splendid City Troop of Philadelphia, and Troop A of New York City.

Most of the gentlemen interested in this movement are members of one or more of the various Boston clubs and nearly all are already good riders.

Many of the new members are horse owners, so that the appearance of the company on parade will be equal to any like command in the country, as well as allow frequent mounted drills, a thing at present unknown.

Both the city of Boston and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts are to be congratulated upon having such a beneficial and substantial improvement to the cavalry branch of the service.

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NEW JERSEY NATIONAL GUARD.**

PATERSON, N. J., Dec. 7, 1890. The guard mount and dress parade of the 1st Bat., Paterson, N. J., followed by presentation of marksmen's badges, and a grand military hop will take place on Jan. 8, 1892, at Apollo Hall. This is an annual social affair and permits the gallant crack guardsmen of the State an opportunity to entertain their many friends.

But there is going to be another event on Jan. 21 which will outdo anything of its kind ever before held in this city; and it will give the people of Paterson an opportunity to show their appreciation of the soldier boys in this battalion.

On the above date Apollo Hall will, no doubt, be crowded with Jersey's prettiest daughters who will congregate at the military dress ball which will be preceded by a grand concert given under the auspices of the 1st Battalion band, under the immediate direction of Prof. Robinson. Committees have been appointed from Co. A, B and C to arrange all affairs, and no expense will be spared to make this ball one of the grandest social events of the season. The price of tickets have been made reasonably low—\$2—which will admit a gentleman and two ladies.

CONNECTICUT.

At last the officers have received their uniform allowance, \$10 each. Comptroller Straub returned the vouchers to every officer, who thereupon forwarded them again to the Quartermaster General's Department, and the bills were paid according to promise.

Sergt. James Geddes has been nominated for 1st Lieutenant of Co. A, 2d Waterbury, vice Ed. Hart nominated for 1st Lieutenant, vice C. W. Burpee resigned and removed to Bridgeport.

Henry Norton is appointed 2d Lieutenant of Co. K, 2d Wallingford, vice Barber, who has been appointed captain, vice La Barnes resigned.

Capt. A. Bee, Co. D, 2d New Haven, has been entertaining Inspectors, Lawton, U. S. A.

1st Lieut. Gibley, Co. B, 4th Bridgeport, has resigned because of pressure of business. The Thanksgiving ball of this company was a great success.

The annual ball of Co. A, 2d Waterbury, Thanksgiving Eve, was marked by W. A. Bigelow's accidentally being shot through the hand with a 22-calibre ball while superintending at the rifle range. He was replacing the magazine of the Winchester rifle at the time. Fortunately Surgeon Benedict was there at the time.

Lieut. Col. Van Keuren, assistant adjutant-general on 1st brigade staff, Bridgeport, who has been ill for a few weeks, returned to his work in T. L. Watson and Co's. clothing office.

It is said that the need has been recognized that the next Examining Board must put the candidates for officers through a more severe course of sprouts than previous boards have done. In old times there was a three days' officers meeting each year for the instruction of officers. The revival of that law would not be a bad idea.

RIFLE PRACTICE, NEW YORK.

We complete here the records of rifle practice for the year 1891, part of which we published last week. The following shows the standing of each regiment with figure of merit

1. 7th Regiment, Col. Appleton.....	72.90
2. 10th Battalion, Lieut.-Col. Fitch.....	65.28
3. 23d Regiment, Col. Partridge.....	65.89
4. 74th Regiment, Col. Fox.....	61.98
5. 65th Regiment, Col. Welch.....	49.94
6. 12th Regiment, Col. Dowd.....	44.67
7. 18th Regiment, Col. Austin.....	44.08
8. 22d Regiment, Col. Camp.....	40.23
9. 9th Regiment, Col. Seward.....	35.30
10. 71st Regiment, Col. Kopper.....	35.15
11. 47th Regiment, Col. Eddy.....	33.23
12. 14th Regiment, Col. Mitchell.....	30.14
13. 32d Regiment, Col. Clark.....	29.75
14. 8th Regiment, Col. Scott.....	28.18
15. 69th Regiment, Col. Cavanaugh.....	26.18

The following shows the leading 20 companies in order of merit, with figure of merit of each for 1891. The * denotes the winners of the State prize, value of \$50, for having the highest figure of merit in their respective brigades:

1. 20th Sep. Co., Capt. Rogers.....	99.52
2. 4th Battery, Capt. Olmstead.....	90.90
3. 42d Sep. Co., Lieut. Pettibone.....	87.80
4. 27th Sep. Co., Capt. James.....	84.65
5. 30th Sep. Co., Capt. Zimmerman.....	79.60
6. Co. B, 7th Regt., Capt. Nesbitt.....	79.51
7. 2d Sep. Co., Capt. McIntyre.....	77.90
8. Co. F, 7th Regt., Capt. Rand.....	75.90
9. 30th Sep. Co., Capt. Rogers.....	75.58
10. 9th Sep. Co., Capt. Paterson.....	75.50
11. 33d Sep. Co., Capt. Marvin.....	75.06
12. Co. A, 7th Regt., Capt. Conover.....	75.19
13. 31st Sep. Co., Capt. Scott.....	74.90
14. Co. H, 7th Regt., Capt. Lydecker.....	74.47
15. Co. F, 23d Regt., Capt. Thorne.....	74.13
16. Co. G, 23d Regt., Capt. Sukman.....	73.90
17. Co. K, 7th Regt., Capt. Thoru.....	72.90
18. Co. I, 7th Regt., Capt. Harper.....	72.80
19. 6th Sep. Co., Capt. Casack.....	71.17
20. Co. G, 7th Regt., Capt. Abrams.....	70.90

VARIOUS.

Asst. Surg. A. T. Weston, 23d N. Y., has resigned. He joined Co. B on Nov. 2, 1877, as a private, and was appointed on the staff of Col. Camp as captain and assistant surgeon Feb. 9, 1890.

Patrick Clarke was on Dec. 7 chosen 1st lieutenant of Co. D, 69th N. Y., to succeed Wm. Deacon, who had been elected captain. Clarke received 52 votes. For Michael McCabe there were 28 votes. Candidate Wm. Maher had withdrawn.

The 20th games of the 7th N. Y. Athletic Club, held at the armory on the evening of Dec. 5, were unusually interesting, and brought out an immense audience. The usual good management prevailed, and the affair as a whole was one of the most successful ever given by the association.

The Non-Commissioned Officers' Association of the 18th N. Y., have elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, Comy. Sergt. E. A. Coffin, Jr., non-com. staff; vice-president, 1st Sergt. A. J. McCarthy, Co. G; secretary, O. R. W. Robinson, color sergeant; treasurer, Corp. A. A. Maynard, Co. G. The annual ball will take place in the armory on Feb. 22, and, as usual, will rank among the finest given by any National Guard organization.

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The 1st Battery, N. Y., Capt. Louis Wendel, will give its 25th grand reception, ball and review on Thursday evening, Jan. 14, 1892, at Wendel's Assembly Rooms, 334-344 West 44th street, N. Y. City. The affair promises to be up to the usual brilliancy, for which the 1st Battery, 1st Brigade, is celebrated.

The 2d N. Y., Col. Clark, is working hard to advance itself. Considerable pruning has been done, and Col. Clark has watched the affairs of the regiment very closely with a view to improvement, and he has succeeded in making an entire new regiment out of the old 2d.

The 47th N. Y., Col. J. G. Eddy, will be reviewed at its armory by Brig. Gen. Chas. F. Robbins, General Inspector of Rifle practice, S. N. Y., on Thursday evening, Dec. 17. The marksmen's badges and other trophies will be presented on this evening, and a reception will follow the military exercises.

We have received official notice of an error just discovered in Drill Regulations as authorized by the War Department. Par. 538 should read as follows: "300. The fire at will and the fire with counted cartridges are used at distances ranging from 300 to 400 yards (not 300 to 400 yards.)"

The sharpshooters' match of the 7th N. Y., shot at the armory range on Dec. 5, was won by Sergt. R. M. Dunn, Co. G—32-34-65. Medals for armory qualifications were won by Corp. G. L. Hoffman, H. 30-35-65; Corp. C. H. Caldwell, F. 31-34-65; Corp. L. Frothingham, K. 33-32-65; Pvt. C. E. Gieson, R. 31-34-65; Sergt. P. S. Klock, H. 32-33-65. Next Saturday the team of five, 1st competition, will be shot. The record of points gained by the different companies of the regiment in the athletic games held at the armory on Dec. 5 was as follows: Co. A, 0; B, 18; C, 19; D, 20; E, 11; F, 78; G, 0; H, 19; I, 11; K, 4.

Capt. Wm. F. Geisse, a veteran of the 7th N. Y., died at his home, 147 West 71st street, on Monday, of pneumonia. He was born in this city June 21, 1836. He performed gallant service for his country in the war. He was 1st Lieutenant of Co. B when the 7th went to the front. He led his company as captain at Fort Hudson, where he received a gunshot wound in the leg and was disabled from further active service. He was a member of the Society of War Veterans of the 7th Regt. and of Farragut Post, G. A. R., of Paterson, N. J. He leaves a wife and two daughters.

The 5th annual championship boxing and wrestling competition by the Amateur Athletic Union of the U. S. will be held at the Metropolitan Opera House, 38th street and Broadway, New York. Preliminary, Thursday evening, Dec. 17; final Saturday evening, Dec. 19. The following are the classes: Boxing—Bantam weight (105 lbs.), feather weight (115 lbs.), light weight (125 lbs.), middle weight (135 lbs.), and heavy weight (165 lbs.). Wrestling—Bantam weight (105 lbs.), feather weight (115 lbs.), special weight (125 lbs.), light weight (135 lbs.), and middle weight (155 lbs.).

The Adjutant General's Office of Vermont has received a very fine picture of Hon. Lewis A. Grant, Assistant Secretary of War, which is to be placed with the pictures of the general officers of Vermont, and the commanding officers of Vermont regiments, as well as the war governors, in the adjutant-general's room. This photograph of Brevet Maj.-Gen. Lewis A. Grant, the commander of the "Old Vermont Brigade" and the 2d Division, 8th Army Corps, is taken in the uniform of his rank at the close of the war, and the members of the brigade, as well as all other Vermont soldiers, will be glad to know that so fine a picture of their old commander is to be kept for all time at the State House in Montpelier.

Col. Stevens, 2d N. J., announces that by virtue of the authority conferred by Headquarters, Division N. G. N. J., company commanders are directed to immediately furnish and issue themselves with the new Drill Regulations for Infantry, more particularly with that portion referring to the

School of the Soldier and School of the Company, and will prepare to drill their companies under the new Drill Regulations, not later than Dec. 1, 1891. In order to add more interest in the command, the armory has been fitted up with a new rifle range. Col. Stevens has issued an order that prizes will be given to the company having the best team, also prizes to members of the gun detachment making the best score with revolvers.

The third annual games and reception of Co. E, 9th Regt. Athletic Association will be held at the armory, 221 W. 35th street, N. Y., on Monday evening, Dec. 22, at 8 p. m. sharp, under A. A. U. rules. The events are: 50 yd. dash, 100 yd. dash, 220 yd. run and 1/4 mile run, novice, scratch; 1/4 mile; 440 yd. run, 1 mile run, 1 1/4 mile run, 1 mile walk and running high jump—all handicaps. Gold medal, 1st prize; silver medal, 2d prize. Entries, 50c. each event. Entries close Dec. 21. Address entries to Chas. Kramer, at the armory. A match race, five miles, for silver mug, will take place between R. C. Chadsey, Co. E, 9th N. Y., and E. A. Leonard, Co. E, 12th N. Y. Tickets, admitting gentleman and lady, 50 cents. Extra lady's ticket, 25 cents each. Dancing at 10 p. m.

The athletic games of the 12th Regiment, which are to be held at the armory, 604 street and Columbus (9th) avenue, on Monday evening, Dec. 14, as usual, will be one of the most prominent, as well as the largest, meetings of the year. Over 500 entries have been received, comprising athletes from all the clubs in this city and vicinity for miles around. They have entered from all directions, and include many of the most skillful amateurs. The events will be run as follows: (1) 60-yard dash trials, (2) second trials 60 yard dash, (3) final heat 60 yard dash, (4) half mile race heavy marching order, (5) final heat 60-yard dash, (6) 1-mile run, (7) 2-mile bicycle trials, (8) 220-yard hurdle trials, (9) 1/4-mile novice trials, (10) final heat 220-yard hurdle, (11) bicycle race final heat, (12) 1/4 mile novice final heat, (13) obstacle-race trials, (14) 300-yard run trials, (15) 1-mile walk, (16) 300-yard run final, (17) obstacle race final, (18) reception. There will be music during the games, and a large number of extra seats have been provided.

The following members of the 1st Brigade staff, N. G. S. N. Y., have received the "Marksman Bar" for '91: Gen. Fitzgerald, Lieut. Col. Olin, Majors Montant, McKim, Greene, Dana, and Capt. Roosevelt and Appleton. Major Crocker received the "Sharpshooter Bar."

The Athletic Association of Troop A, N. G. S. N. Y., commanded by Capt. Chas. F. Roe, an admirable cavalry officer, is to have an interesting exhibition of games showing their thorough mastery of horsemanship, at Dickel's Riding Academy, No. 124 West 55th street, New York, on Saturday evening, Dec. 19, at 8 o'clock. Admission is by tickets, costing one dollar each.

GOVERNOR HILL'S STAFF.

FOLLOWING is the final announcement as to the staff of Governor Hill, which we receive from the highest authority. It will be observed that there are some changes from the programme of last week:

Adjutant General, Josiah Porter; Inspector General, Col. McGrath, of Brooklyn; Judge Advocate General, Amos F. Jenks, of Brooklyn; Surgeon General, J. D. Bryant, of New York; Chief of Engineers, Palmer C. Ricketts, of Troy; Chief of Artillery, Ferdinand P. Earle, of New York; Quartermaster General, William M. West, of Hamilton; Paymaster General, Frederick R. Halsey, of New York; Commissary General of Subsistence, George D. Sanford, of Peekskill; General Inspector of Rifle Practice, Benjamin M. Whitlock, of New York; Aide de Camp—J. Robt. Huntington, of New York; John M. de Winton; Thomas Sloan, of New York; Charles S. Rogers, of Hudson; W. L. Davis and Robert Grier Monroe, of New York.

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FITZSIMONS.—At Torpedo Station, Newport, R. I., Dec. 7, to the wife of Surgeon PAUL FITZSIMONS, U. S. Navy, a son.

LITTEBRANT.—At St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 4, to the wife of Lieut. Wm. T. Littebrant, 10th U. S. Cav., twin daughters.

STABL.—At San Francisco, Cal., November 16, 1891, to the wife of Assistant Naval Constructor Albert W. Stabl, U. S. Navy, a son.

MARRIED.

BUCCALO—LIECK.—At Florence, Italy, Nov. 5, KATHERINE CORNELIA, daughter of the late Ferdinand Lieck and granddaughter of the late William M. Goodrich, of Fourknose, N. Y., to Lieut. GIUSEPPE BUCCALO, 17th Regiment of Inf.

KATON—HOGARTY.—At Guelph, Col., Dec. 1, Mr. BRUCE G. KATON to Miss MARY T. HOGARTY, daughter of Captain M. J. Hogarty, U. S. Army, retired.

PERRY—CRAIGHILL.—Dec. 9, NELLIE, daughter of Colonel W. P. Craighill, U. S. Army, and Mr. EDWARD TATON PERRY, son of the late Captain Roger C. Perry, U. S. Navy.

PIERCE—YOUNG.—At Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 3, Lieutenant PALMER E. PIERCE, 6th U. S. Infantry, to Miss AGNES YOUNG, daughter of Mr. H. J. Young, of Pittsburgh.

DIED.

CONRAD.—At Fort Randall, S. D., December 4, Colonel JOSEPH S. CONRAD, 21st U. S. Infantry.

FORSTER.—At Harrisburg, Pa., Dec. 9, Mrs. MARGARET S. FORSTER, widow of the late General John Forster, a Brig. General in the war of 1812, and mother of the wives of Lieut. Col. E. V. Sumner, 8th U. S. Cav., and Paymaster James R. Cann, U. S. Navy.

IRWIN.—At New York, December 3, Major JOHN IRWIN, late of the 88th (Connaught Rangers) regt., British Army.

KREFFE.—At Boise Barracks, Idaho, Dec. 4, Capt. JOSEPH KREFFE, 4th U. S. Infantry.

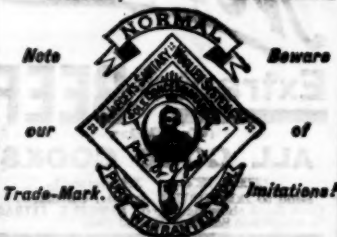
LEOSER.—In New York, Dec. 9, CHRISTOPHER LEOSER, brother of Col. Chas. McK. Leoser, formerly Captain 2d U. S. Cavalry.

LITTEBRANT.—At St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 7, at the residence of her father, Mr. James Green, LAURA, beloved wife of Lieut. Wm. T. Littebrant.

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